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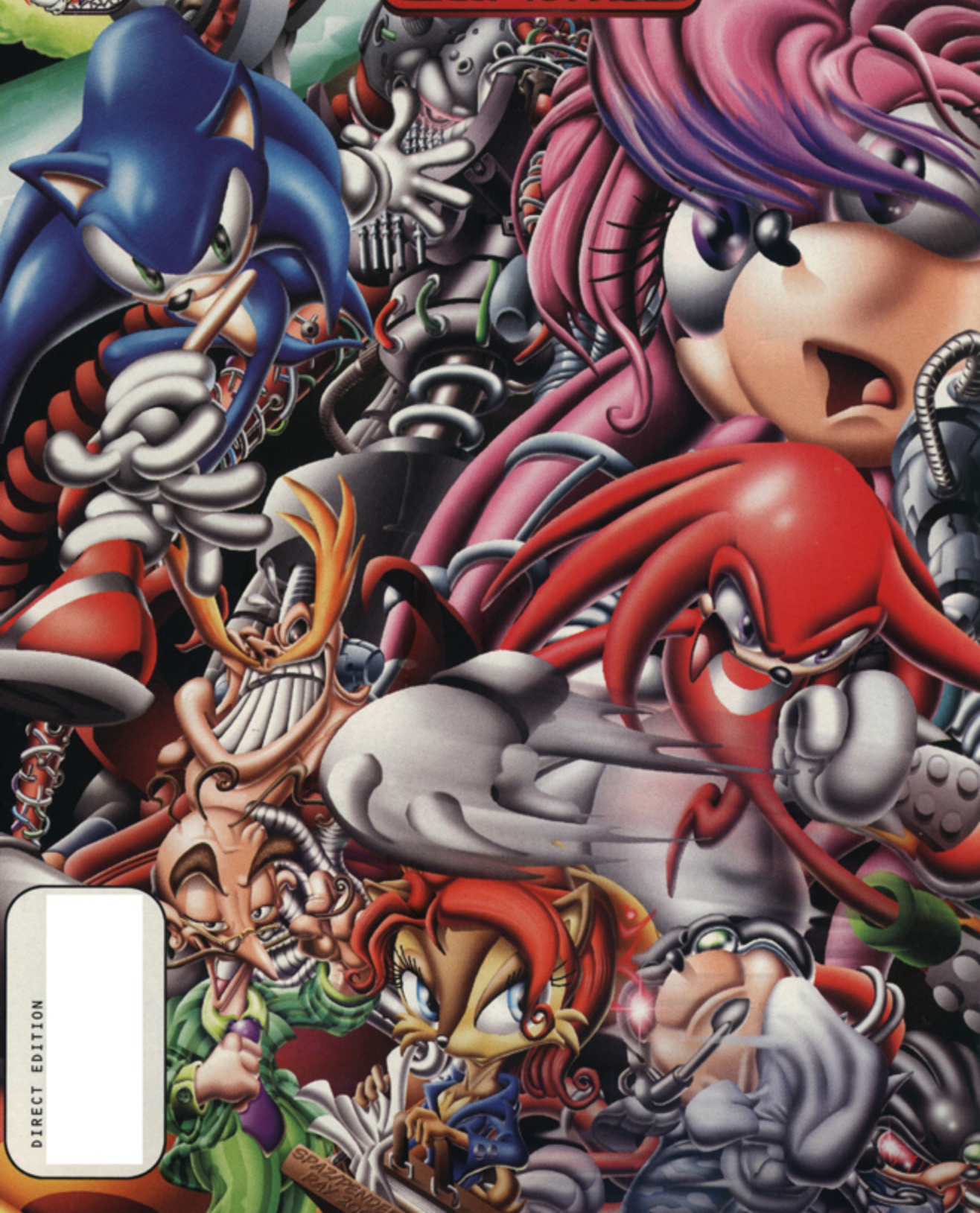


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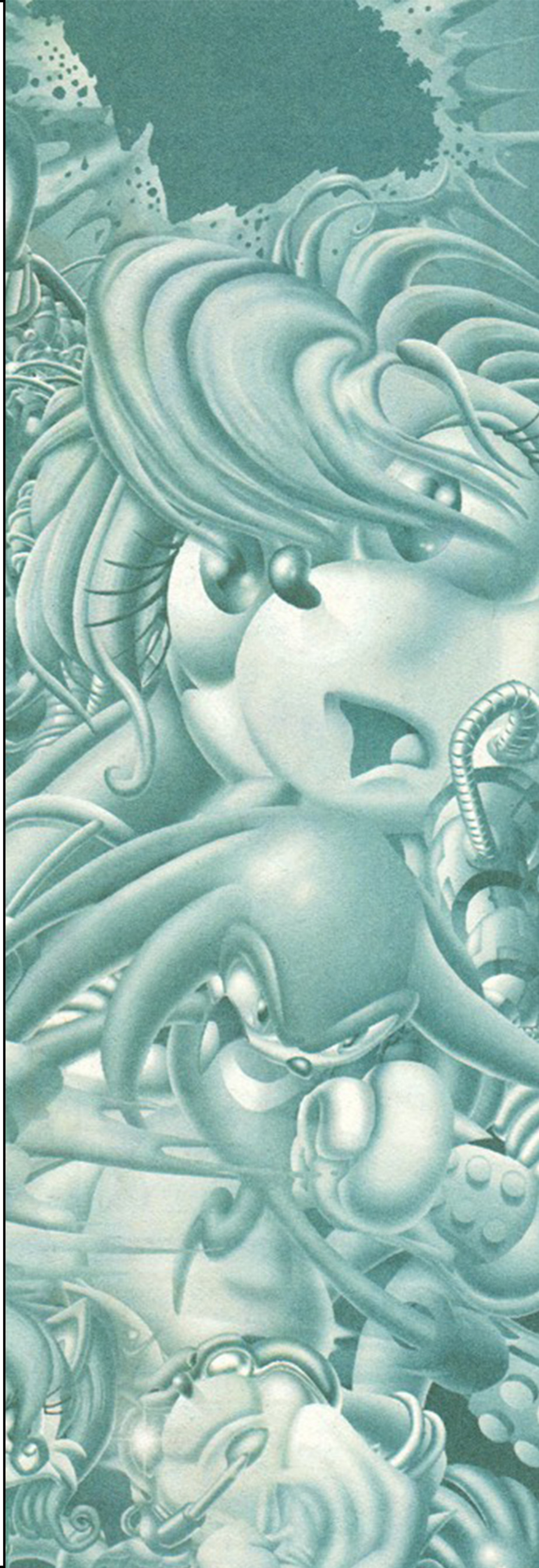
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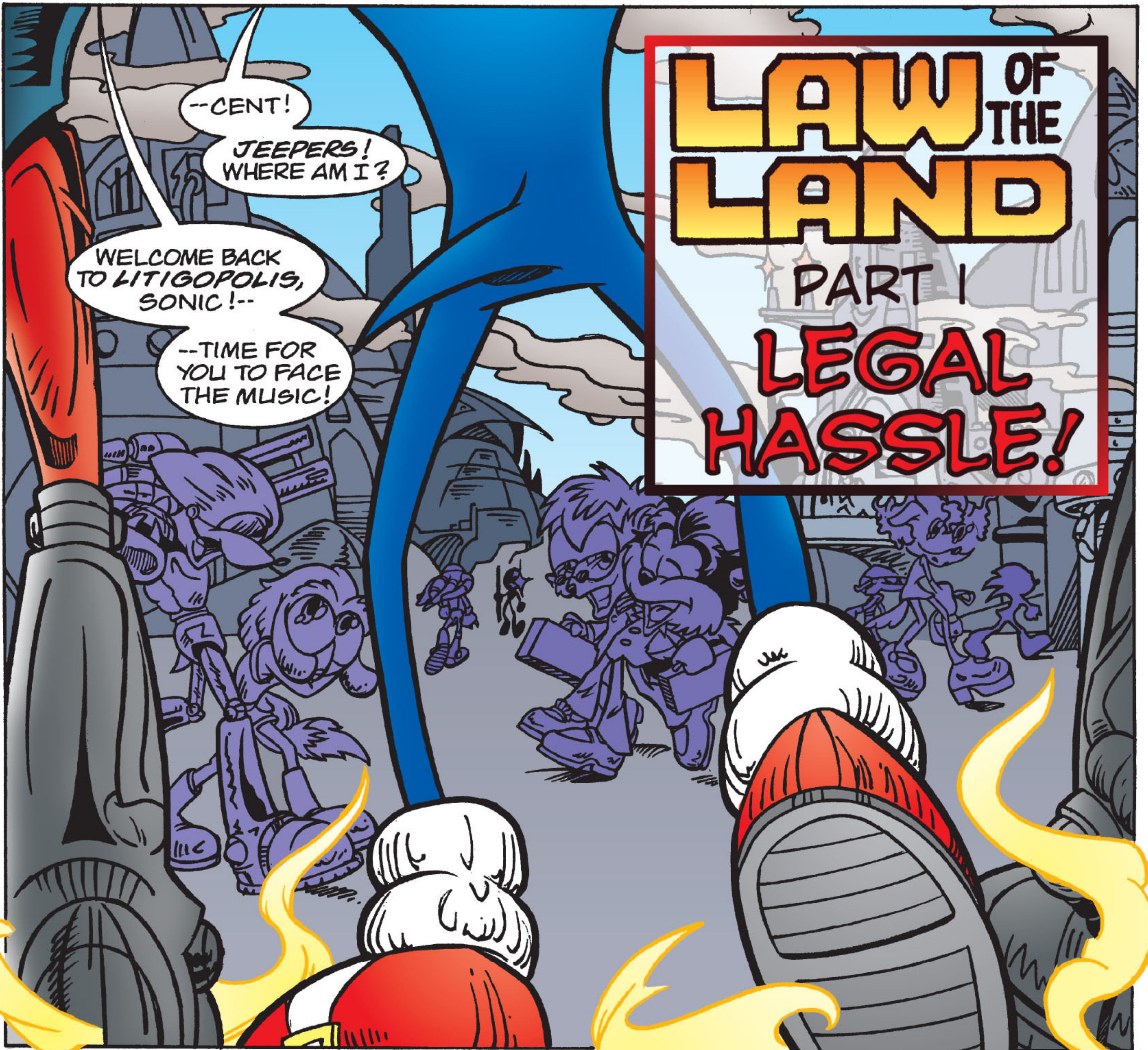
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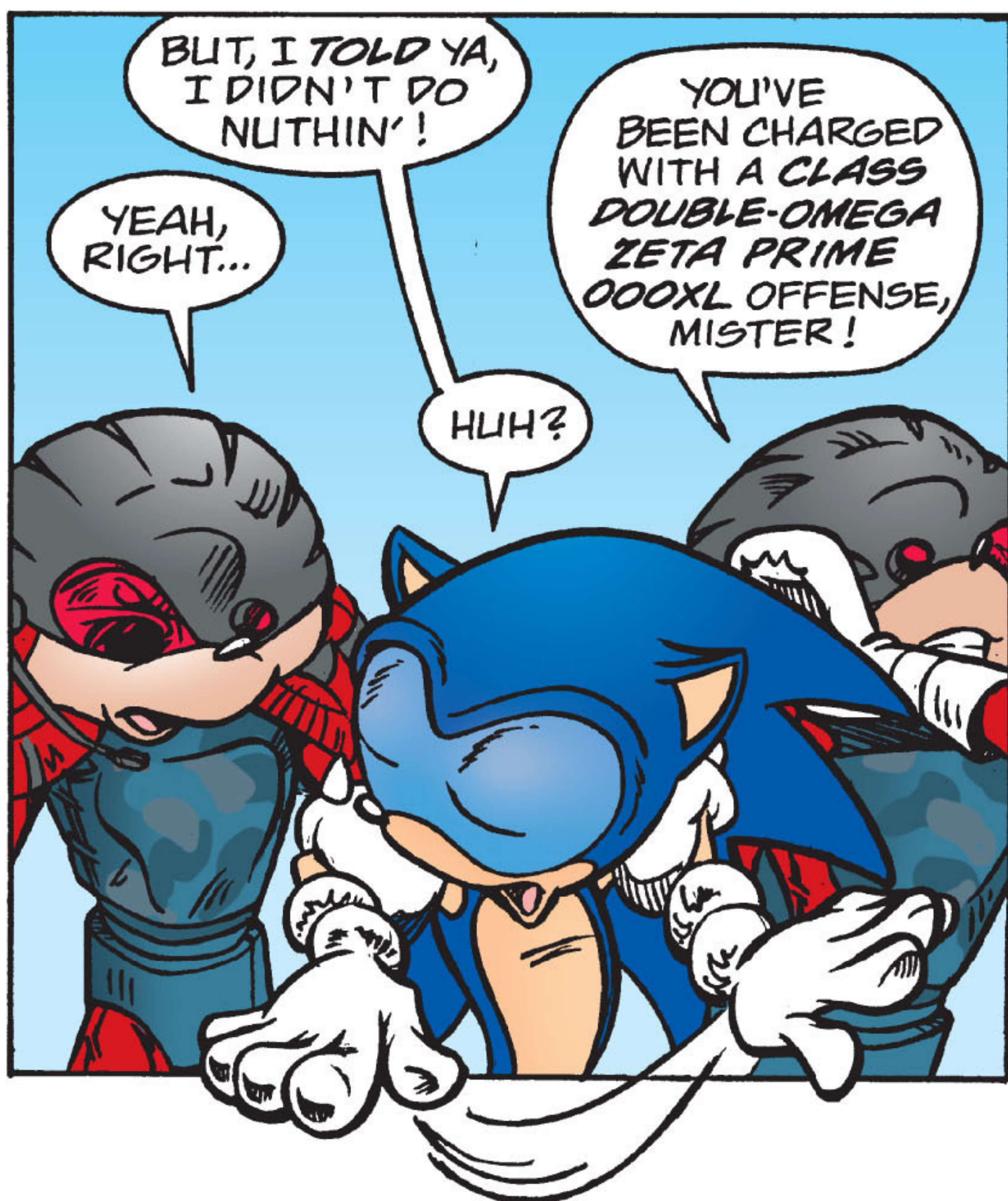
JEEPERS!
WHERE AM I?

WELCOME BACK
TO LITIGOPOLIS,
SONIC!--

--TIME FOR
YOU TO FACE
THE MUSIC!

LAW OF THE LAND

PART I
**LEGAL
HASSLE!**

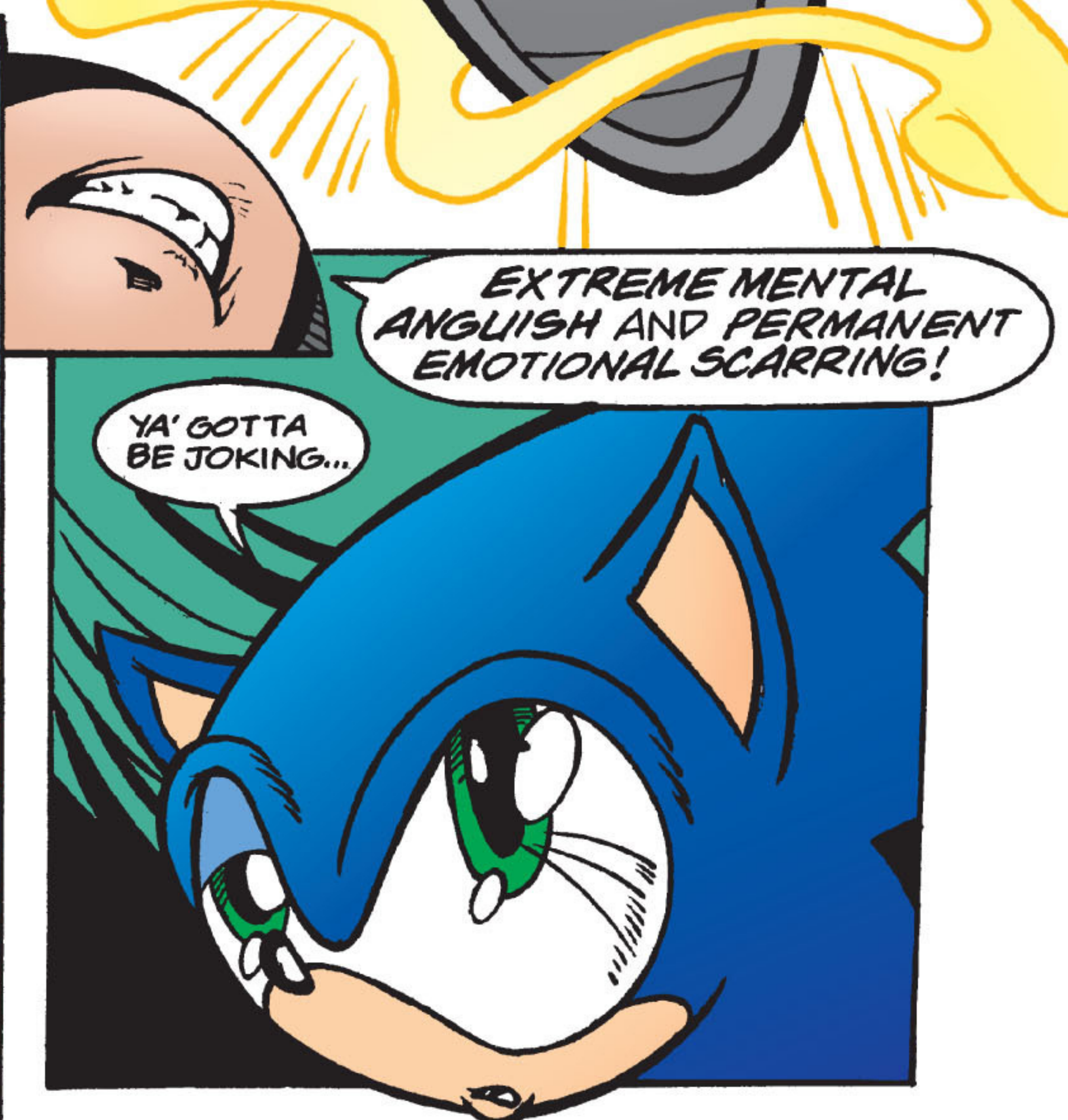


BUT, I TOLD YA,
I DIDN'T DO
NUTHIN'!

YEAH,
RIGHT...

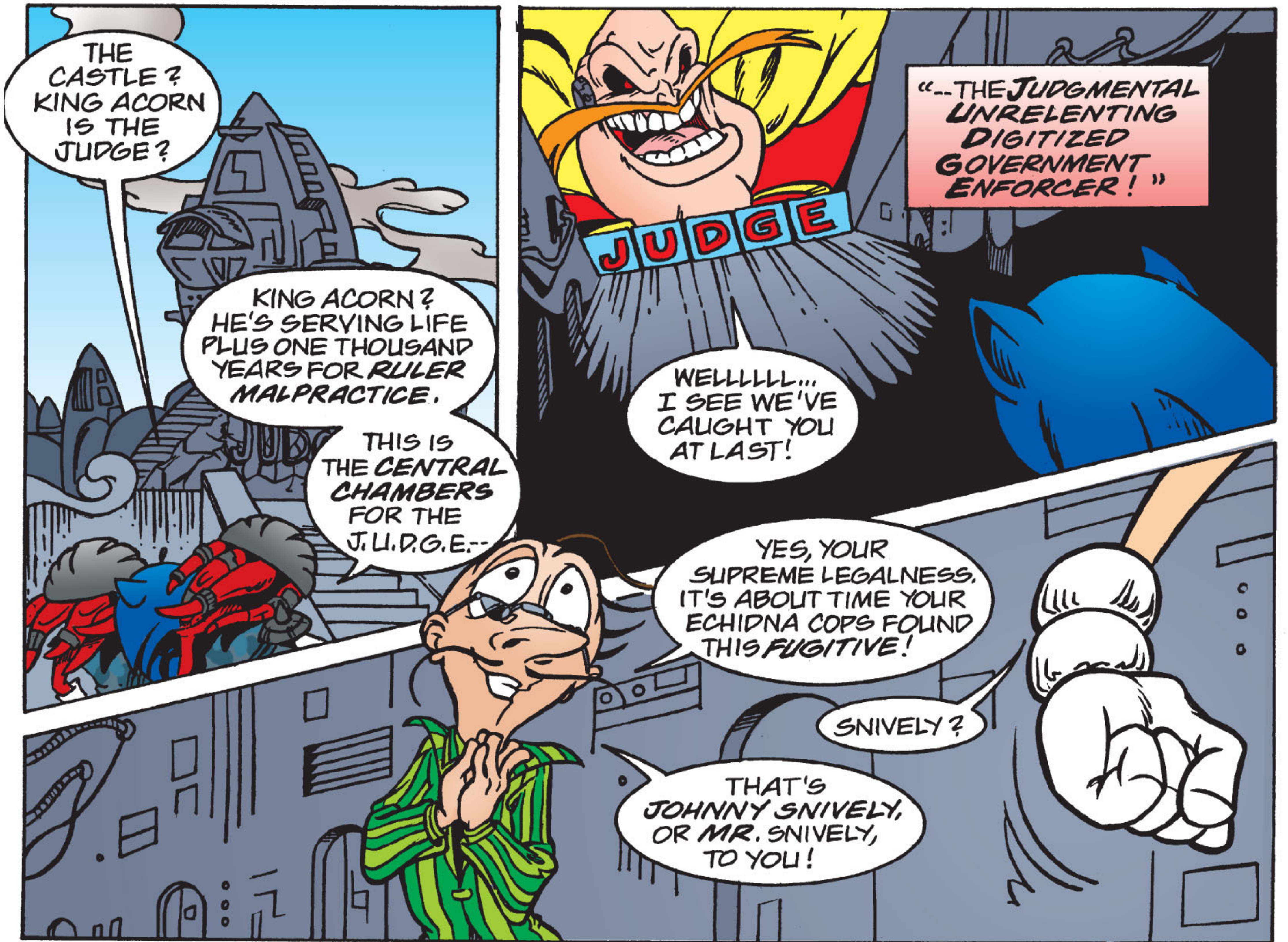
HUH?

YOU'VE
BEEN CHARGED
WITH A CLASS
DOUBLE-OMEGA
ZETA PRIME
OOOXL OFFENSE,
MISTER!



EXTREME MENTAL
ANGLISH AND PERMANENT
EMOTIONAL SCARRING!

YA' GOTTA
BE JOKING...



"...THE JUDGMENTAL UNRELENTING DIGITIZED GOVERNMENT ENFORCER!"

JUDGE

THE CASTLE? KING ACORN IS THE JUDGE?

KING ACORN? HE'S SERVING LIFE PLUS ONE THOUSAND YEARS FOR RULER MALPRACTICE.

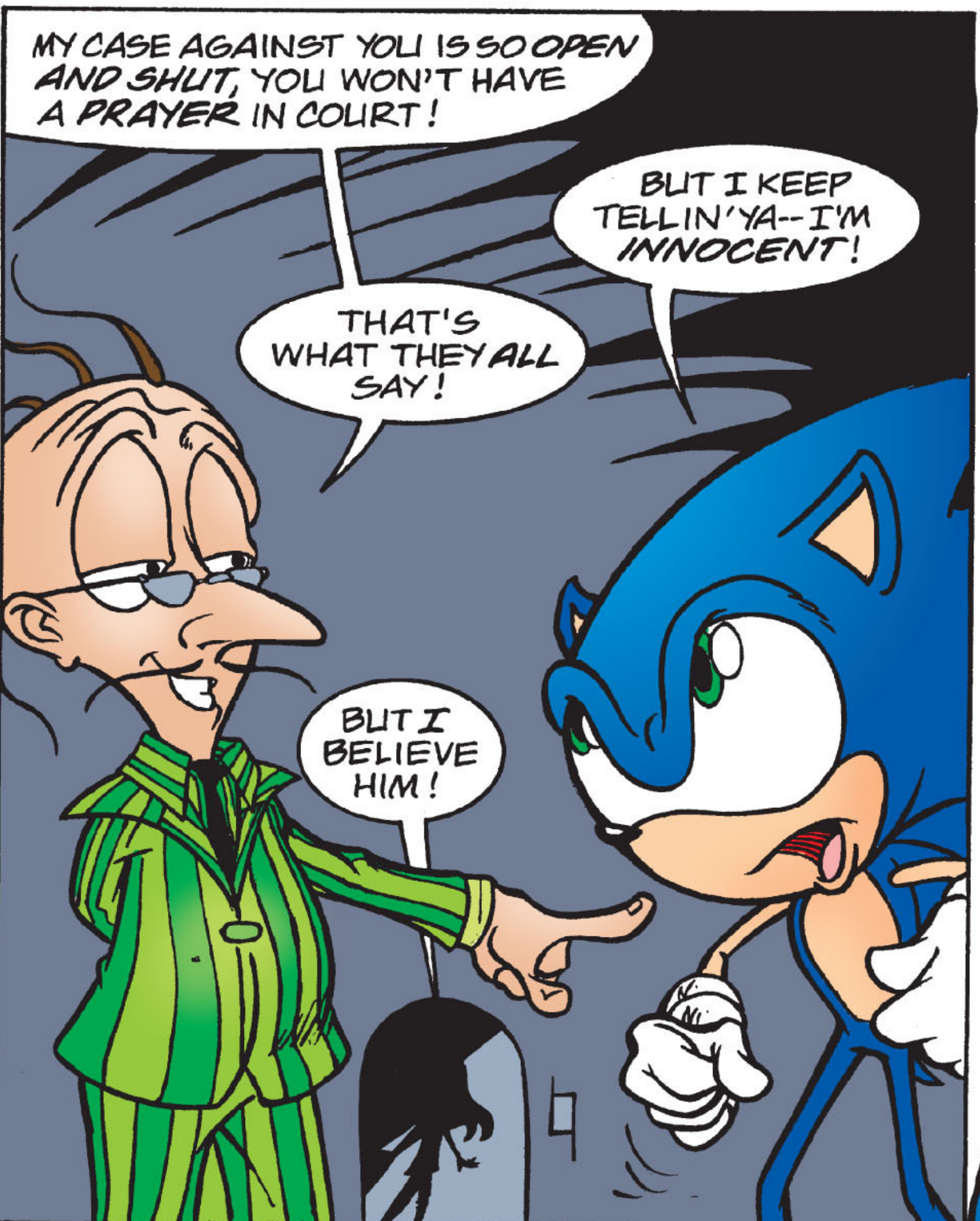
THIS IS THE CENTRAL CHAMBERS FOR THE J.U.D.G.E.

WELL... I SEE WE'VE CAUGHT YOU AT LAST!

YES, YOUR SUPREME LEGALNESS, IT'S ABOUT TIME YOUR ECHIDNA COPS FOUND THIS FUGITIVE!

SNIVELY?

THAT'S JOHNNY SNIVELY, OR MR. SNIVELY, TO YOU!



MY CASE AGAINST YOU IS SO OPEN AND SHUT, YOU WON'T HAVE A PRAYER IN COURT!

BUT I KEEP TELLIN' YA-- I'M INNOCENT!

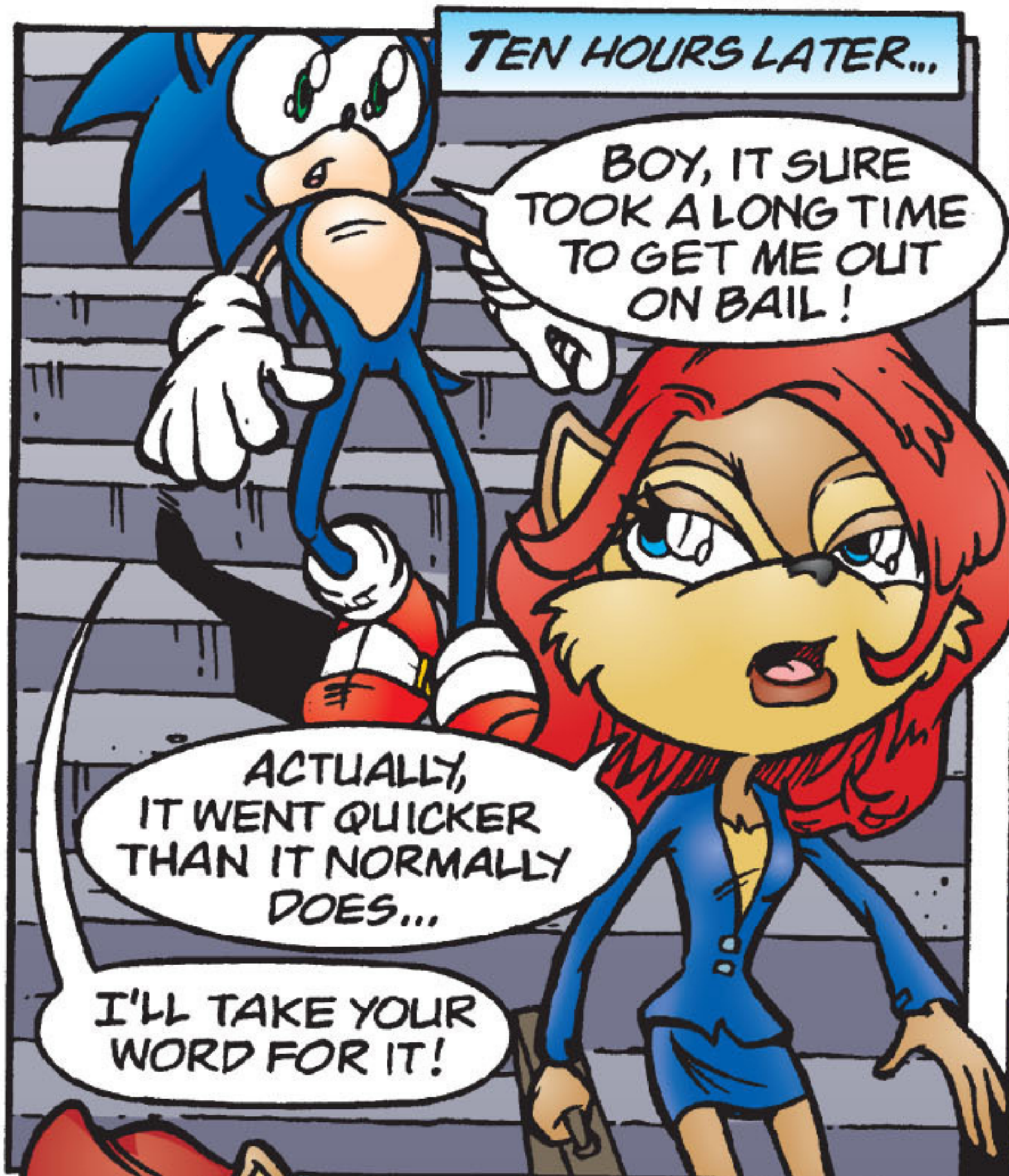
THAT'S WHAT THEY ALL SAY!

BUT I BELIEVE HIM!



SALLY MCACORN FOR THE DEFENSE, YOUR HONOR!

IS IT JUST ME, OR DOES SHE GET CLUTER EACH TIME I GO ZONE HOPPING?

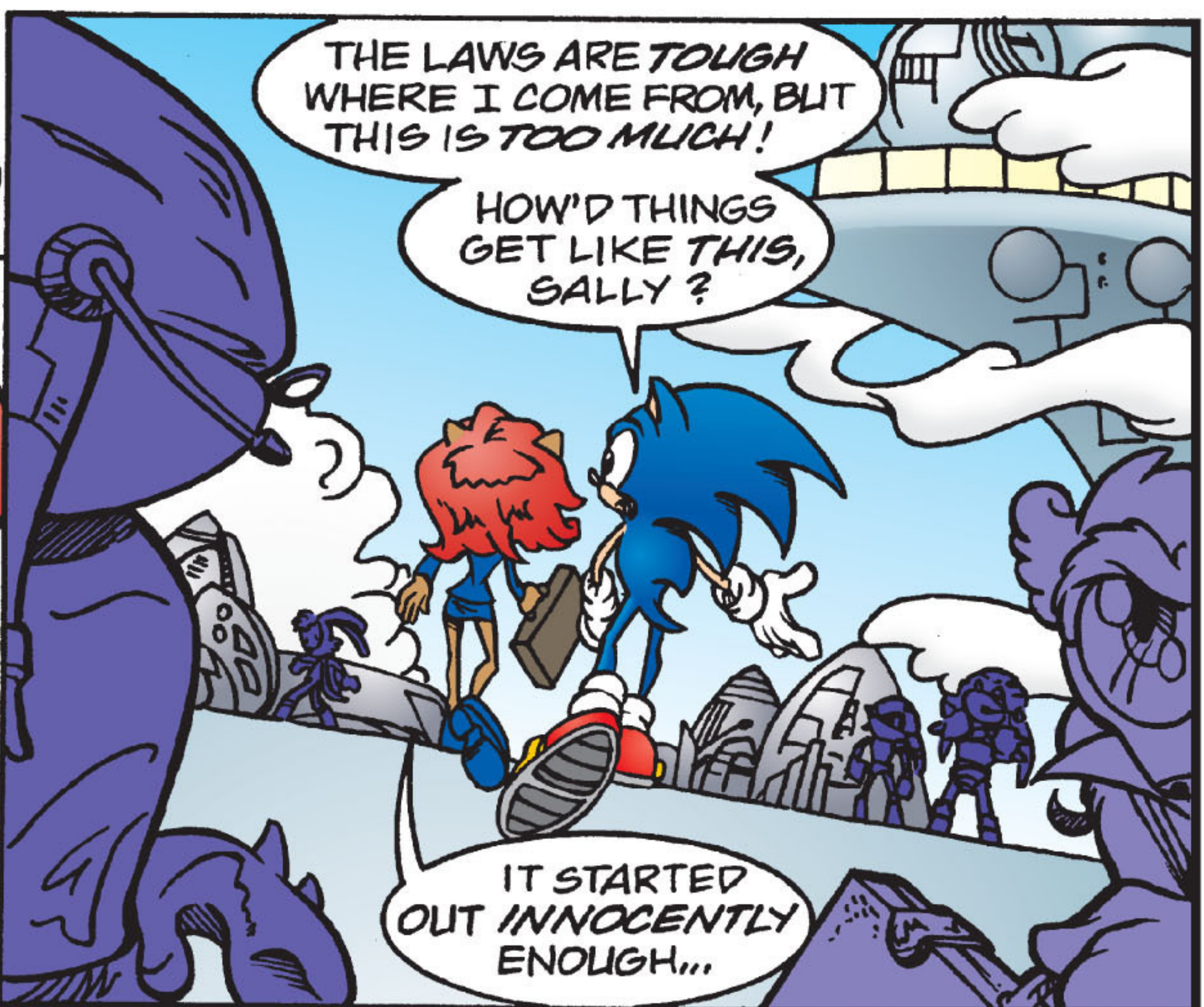


TEN HOURS LATER...

BOY, IT SURE TOOK A LONG TIME TO GET ME OUT ON BAIL!

ACTUALLY, IT WENT QUICKER THAN IT NORMALLY DOES...

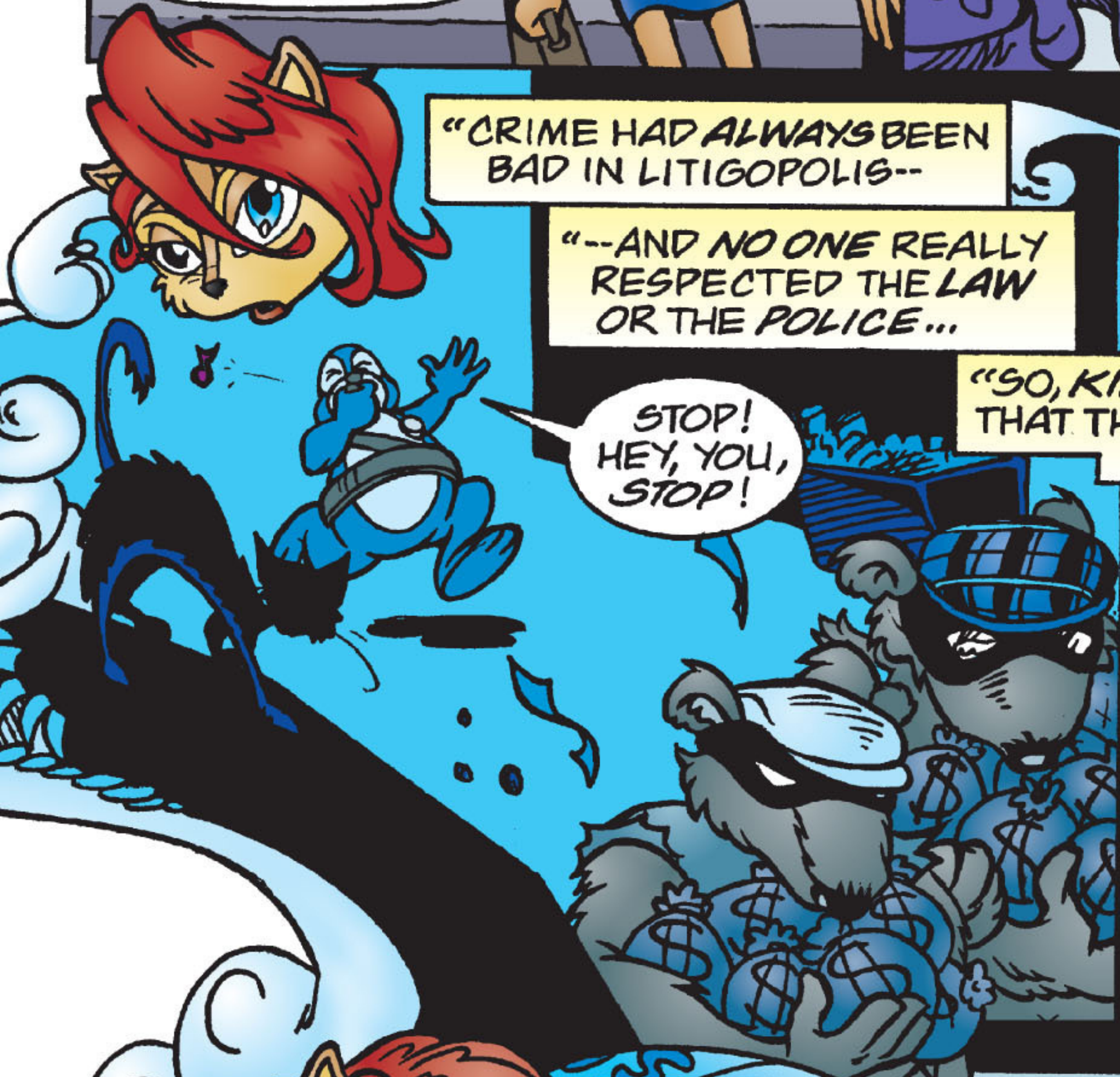
I'LL TAKE YOUR WORD FOR IT!



THE LAWS ARE TOUGH WHERE I COME FROM, BUT THIS IS TOO MUCH!

HOW'D THINGS GET LIKE THIS, SALLY?

IT STARTED OUT INNOCENTLY ENOUGH...

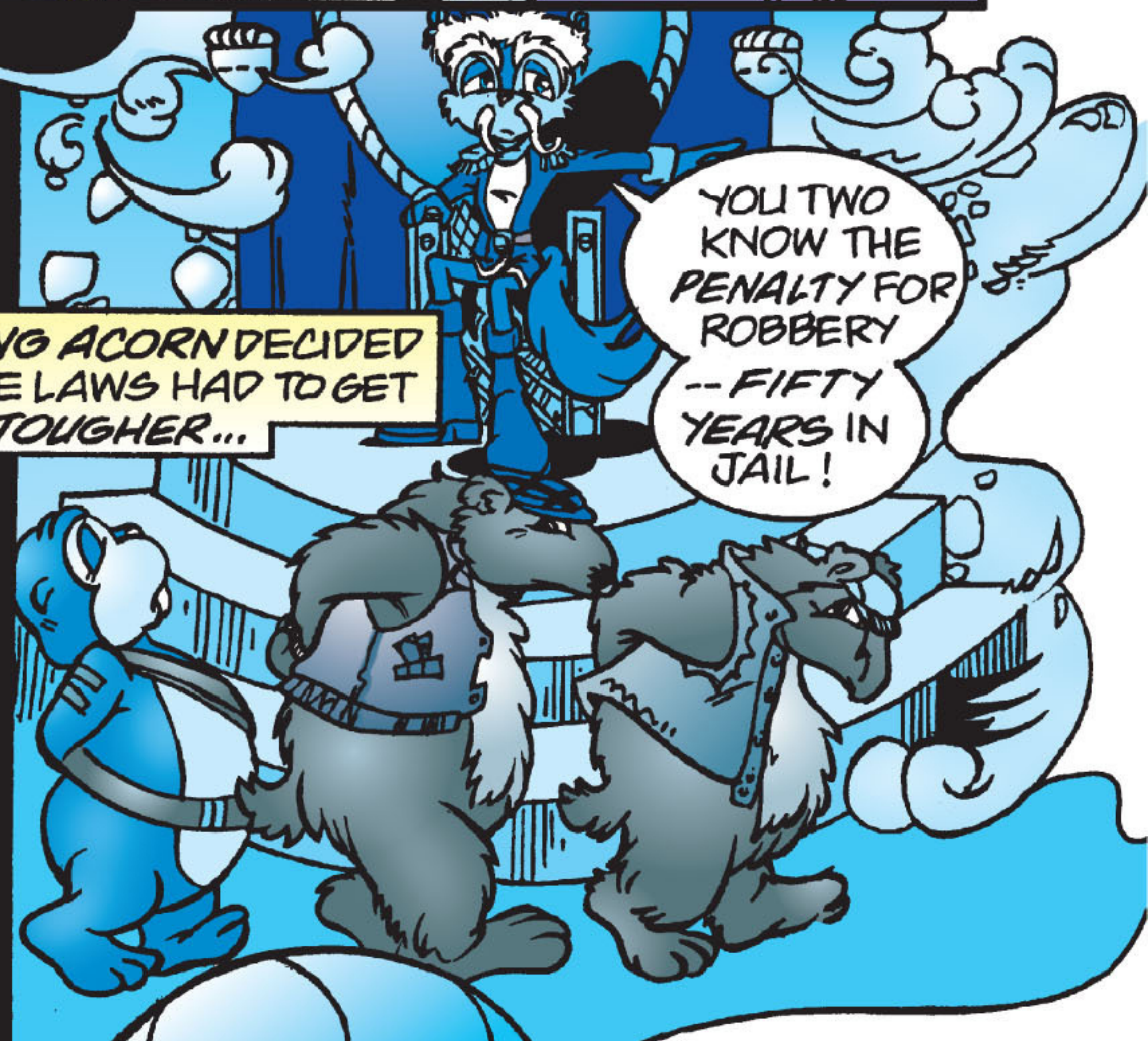


"CRIME HAD ALWAYS BEEN BAD IN LITIGOPOLIS--

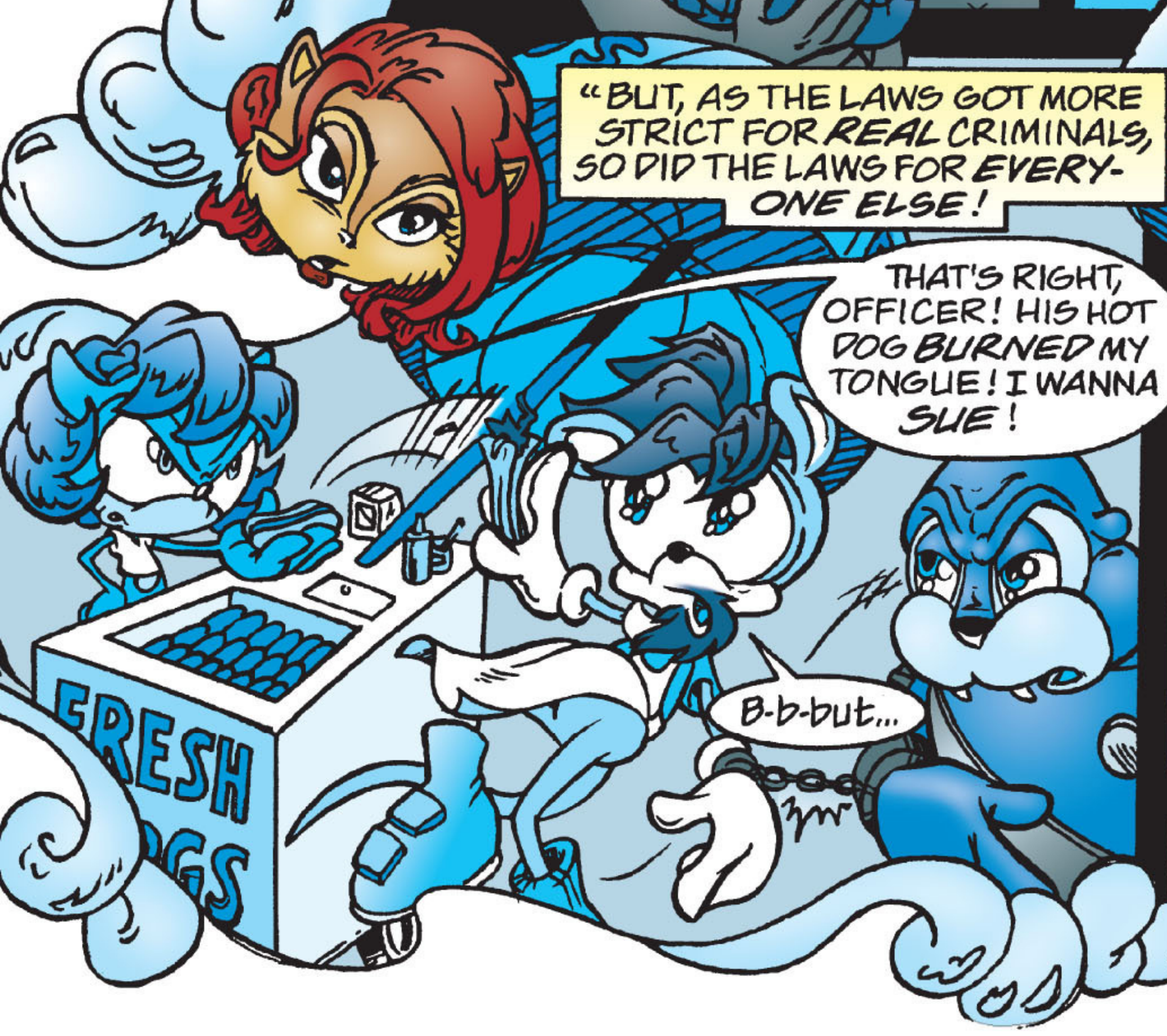
--AND NO ONE REALLY RESPECTED THE LAW OR THE POLICE...

STOP! HEY, YOU, STOP!

"SO, KING ACORN DECIDED THAT THE LAWS HAD TO GET TOUGHER..."



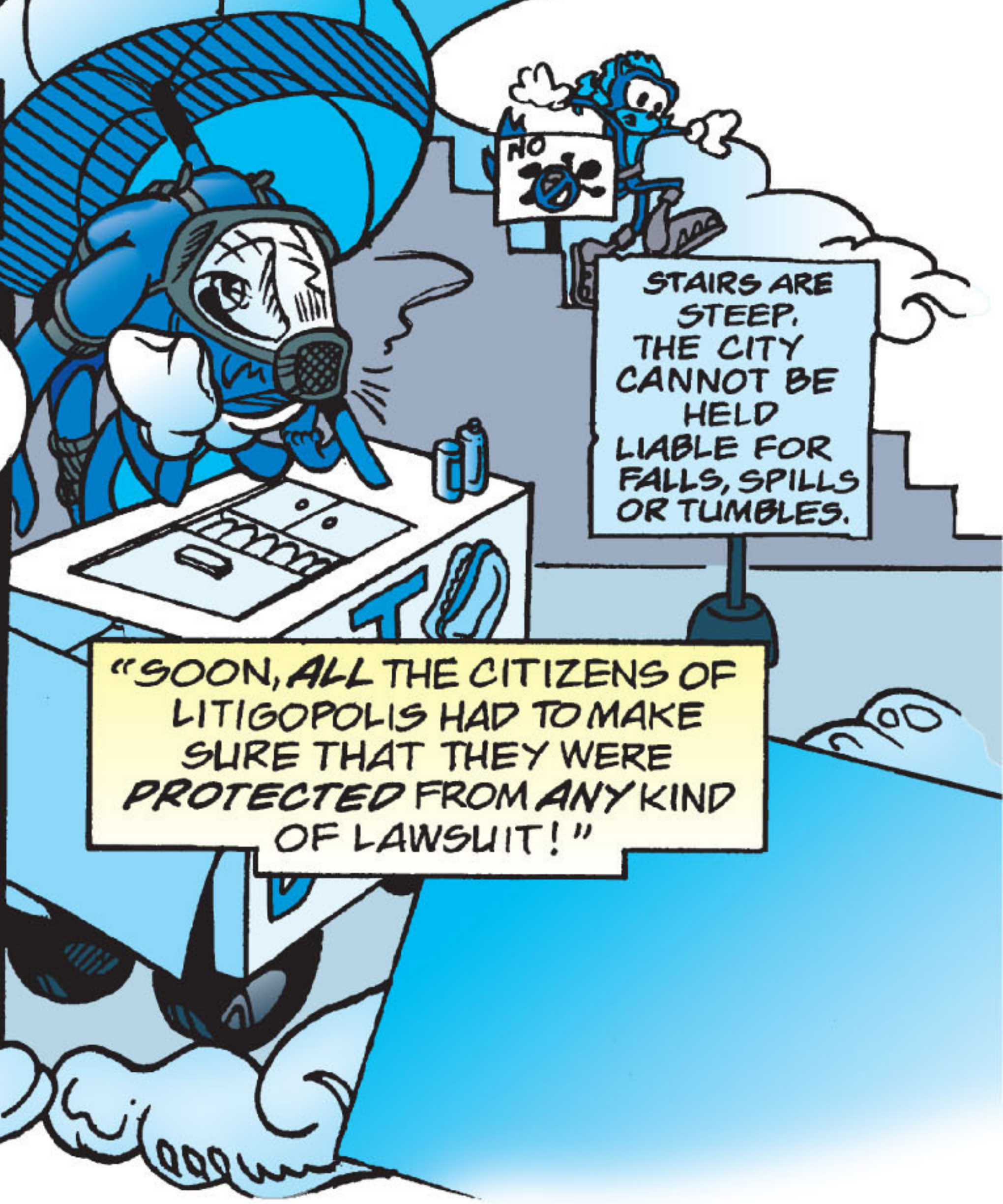
YOU TWO KNOW THE PENALTY FOR ROBBERY -- FIFTY YEARS IN JAIL!



"BUT, AS THE LAWS GOT MORE STRICT FOR REAL CRIMINALS, SO DID THE LAWS FOR EVERYONE ELSE!"

THAT'S RIGHT, OFFICER! HIS HOT DOG BURNED MY TONGUE! I WANNA SUE!

B-b-but...



"SOON, ALL THE CITIZENS OF LITIGOPOLIS HAD TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY WERE PROTECTED FROM ANY KIND OF LAWSUIT!"

"EVENTUALLY, KING ACORN HIRED ROBOTNIK ENTERPRISES TO BUILD THE J.U.D.G.E.--

--A SUPER-COMPLITER SPECIFICALLY DESIGNED TO ENFORCE ALL THE NEW LAWS AND KEEP UP WITH ALL THE LAWSUITS...

"BUT, ONCE THE J.U.D.G.E. WAS BROUGHT ON LINE, HE TOOK OVER THE GOVERNMENT COMPLETELY!

"BEFORE ANYONE COULD STOP IT, ALL THE POLICE WERE REPLACED WITH ECHIDNA TROOPERS--

"--AND PUT KING ACORN IN JAIL FOR NOT BEING ABLE TO LOWER THE CRIME RATE SOONER!"

NOW THINGS HAVE GOTTEN SO STRICT, THAT SOME PEOPLE DON'T EVEN LEAVE THEIR HOUSES!

THEY'RE JUST TOO AFRAID THAT SOMEONE WILL SUE THEM, OR THEY'LL BREAK ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S NEW LAWS!

IF THINGS ARE SO BAD, WHY HASN'T ANYONE TRIED TO TURN THE J.U.D.G.E. OFF?

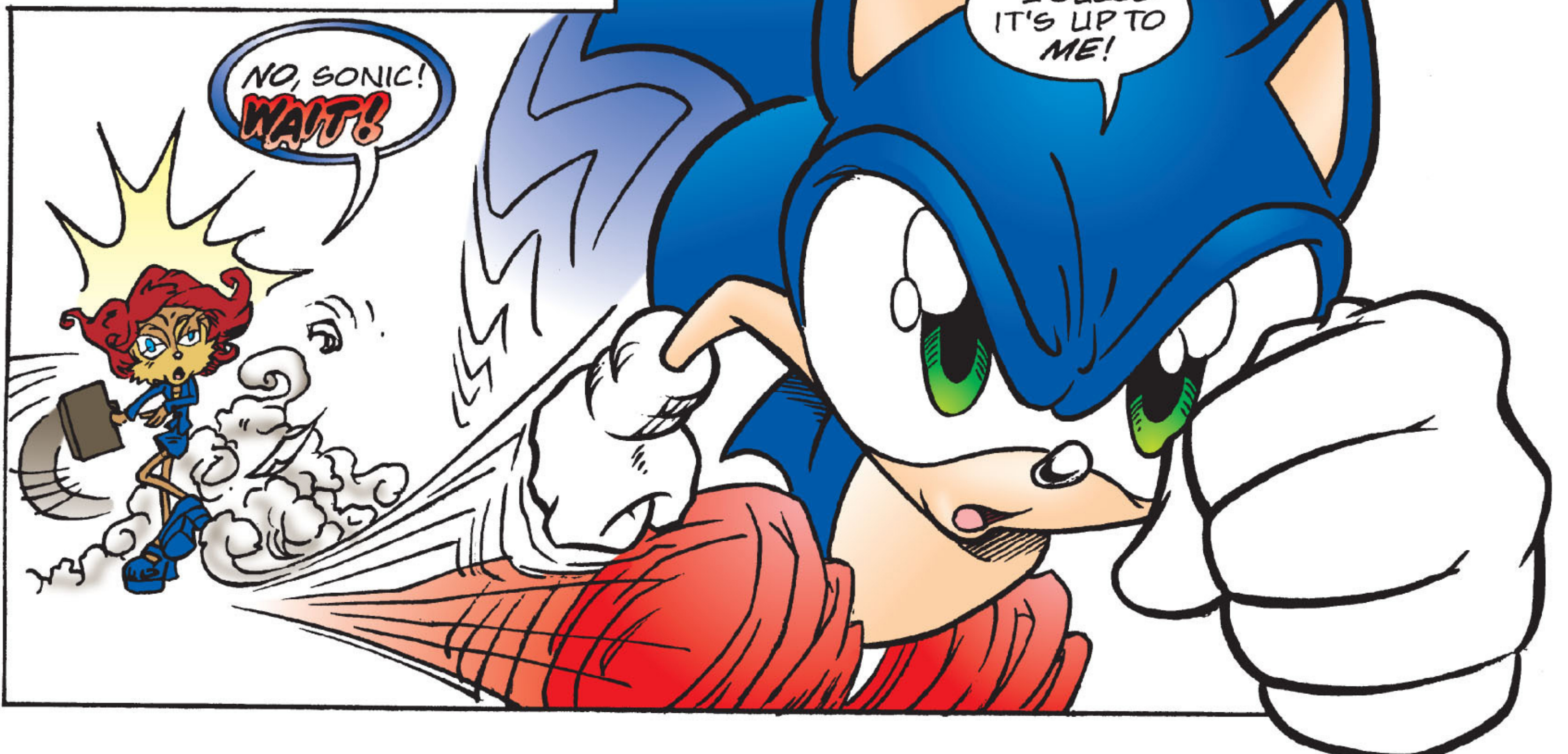
EVERYONE'S TOO SCARED OF THE ECHIDNA COPS AND WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM IF THEY GET CAUGHT!

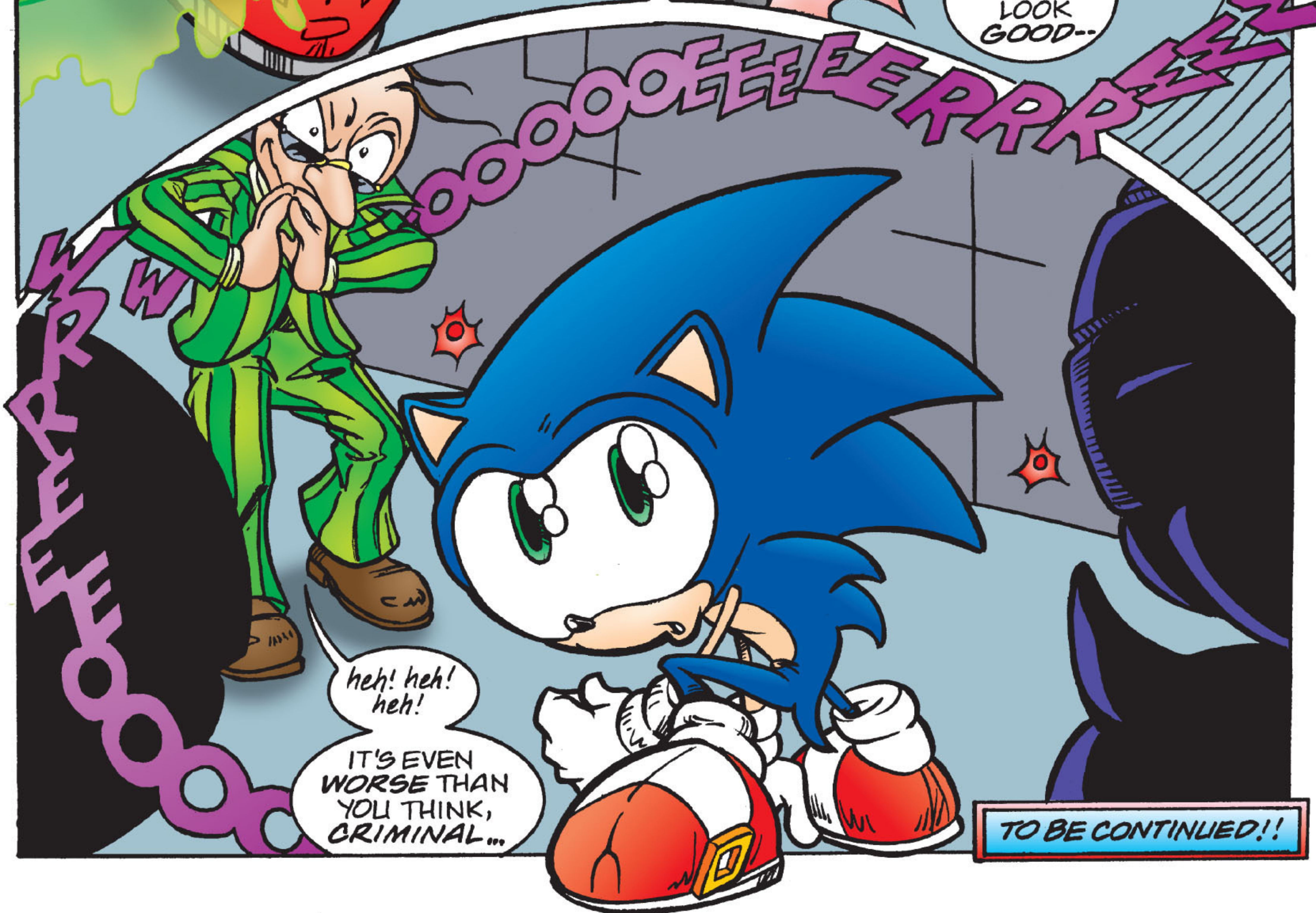
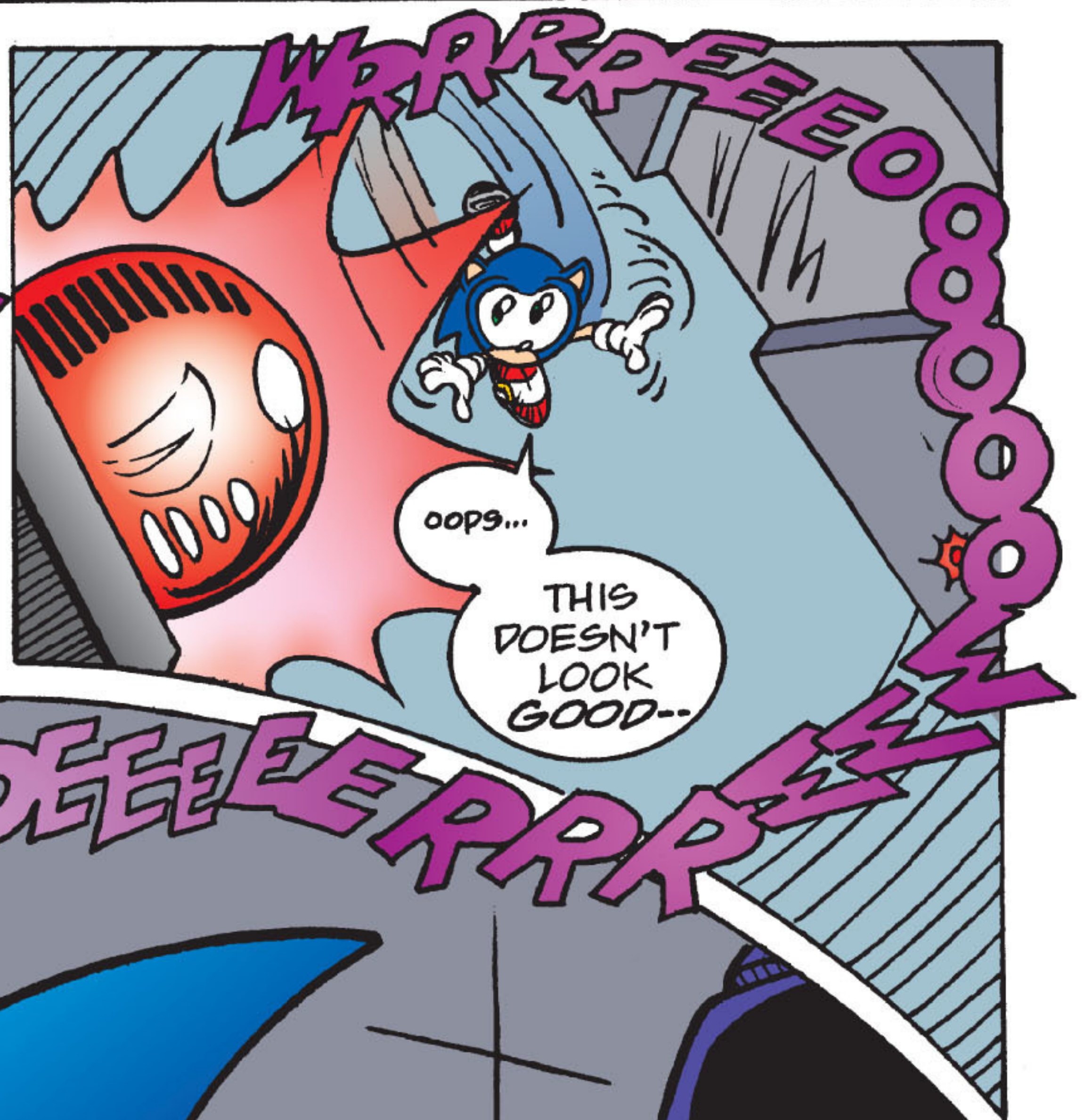
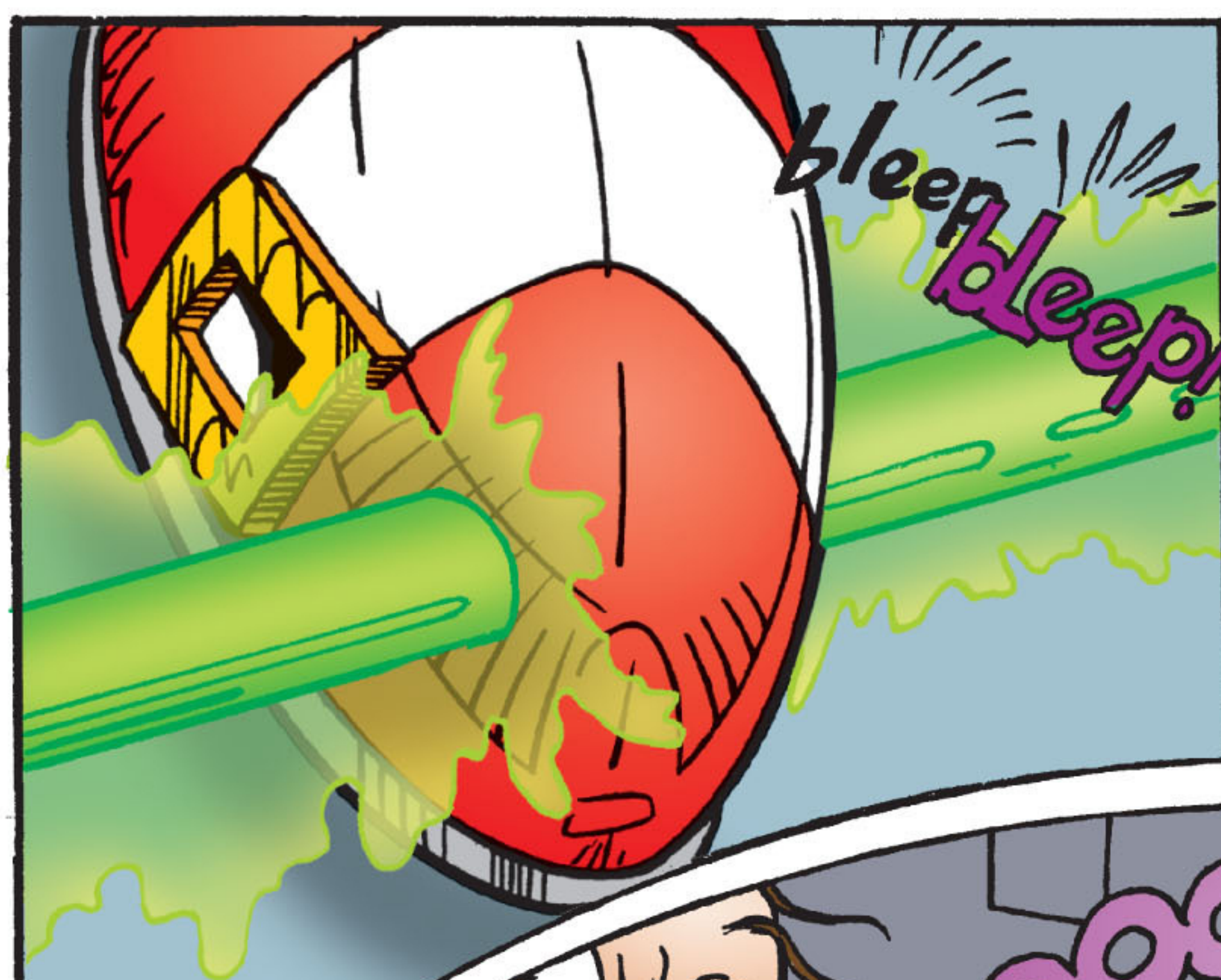
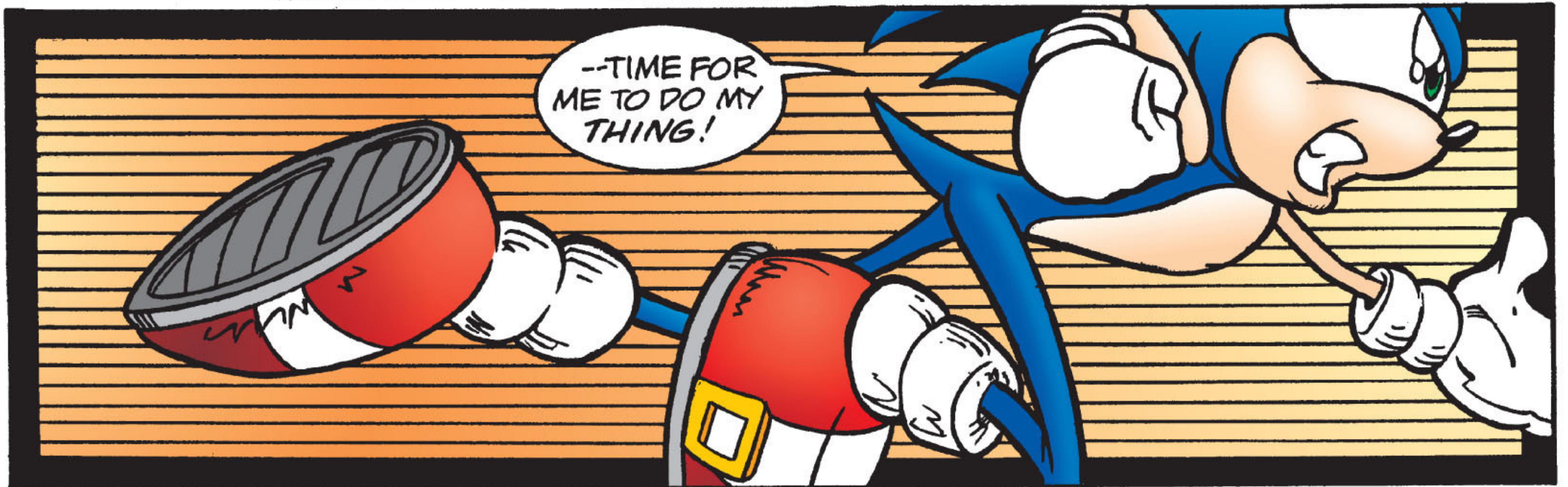
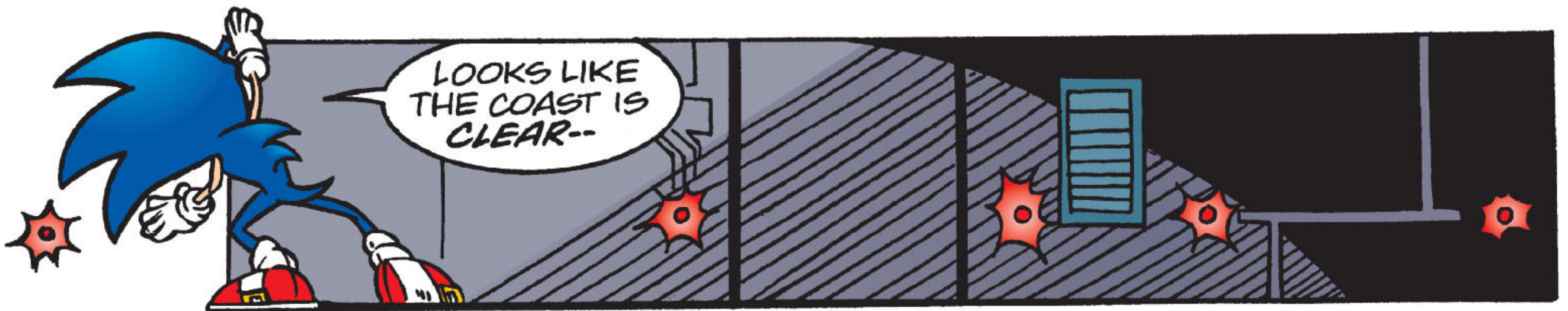
THERE JUST ISN'T ANYONE BRAVE ENOUGH IN LITIGOPOLIS TO DO IT!

WELL, THEN--

--I GUESS IT'S UP TO ME!

NO, SONIC! WAIT!

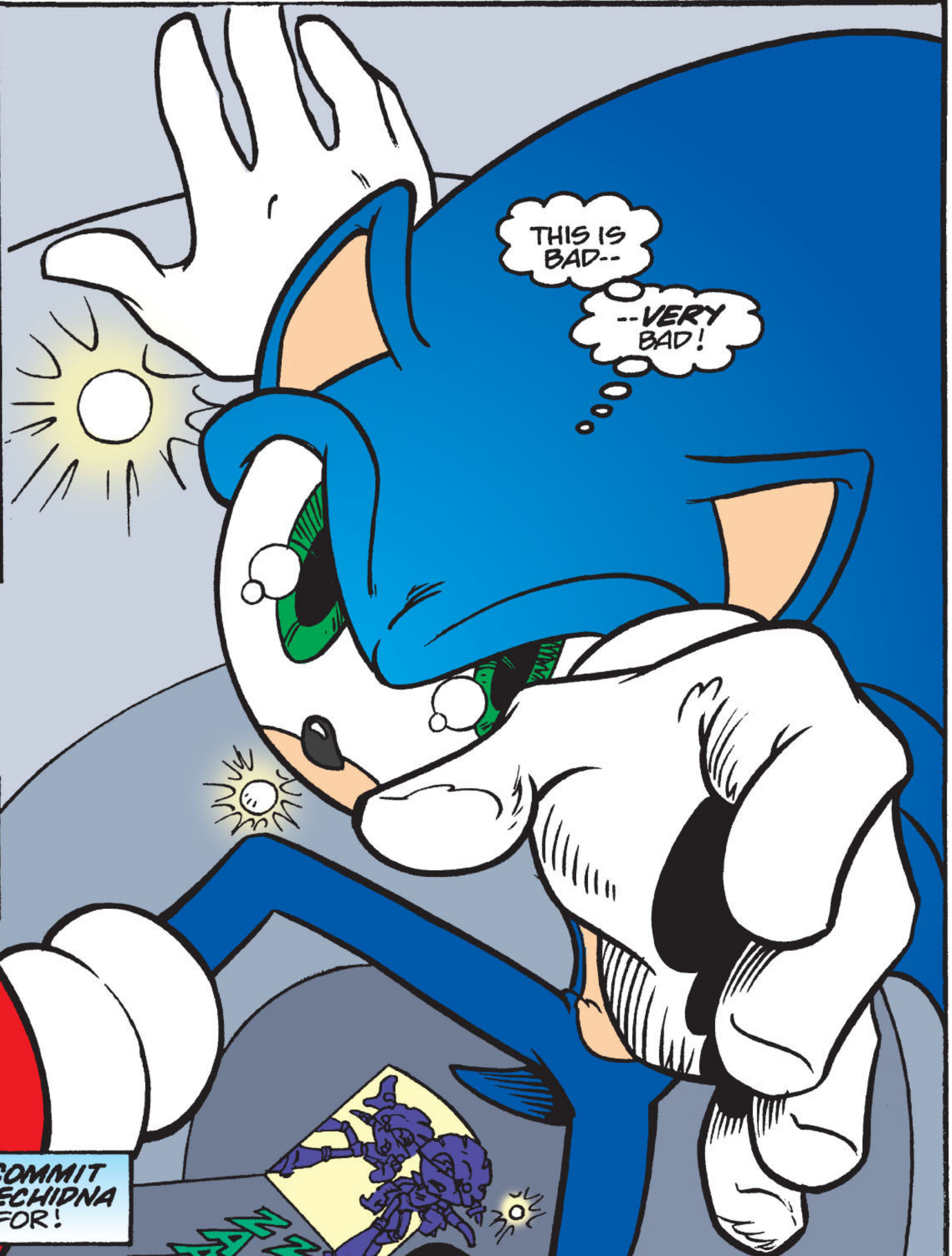




LAW OF THE LAND

PART TWO

BAD BOYS, BAD BOYS... WHATCHA GONNA DO?



THIS IS
BAD--

--VERY
BAD!

"STOP HIM! STOP...
SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG

"THIS WHOLE THING IS
ONE BIG MISTAKE!

"I MEAN, I DIDN'T EVEN COMMIT
THE CRIME THOSE TWO ECHIDNA
COPS GRABBED ME FOR!

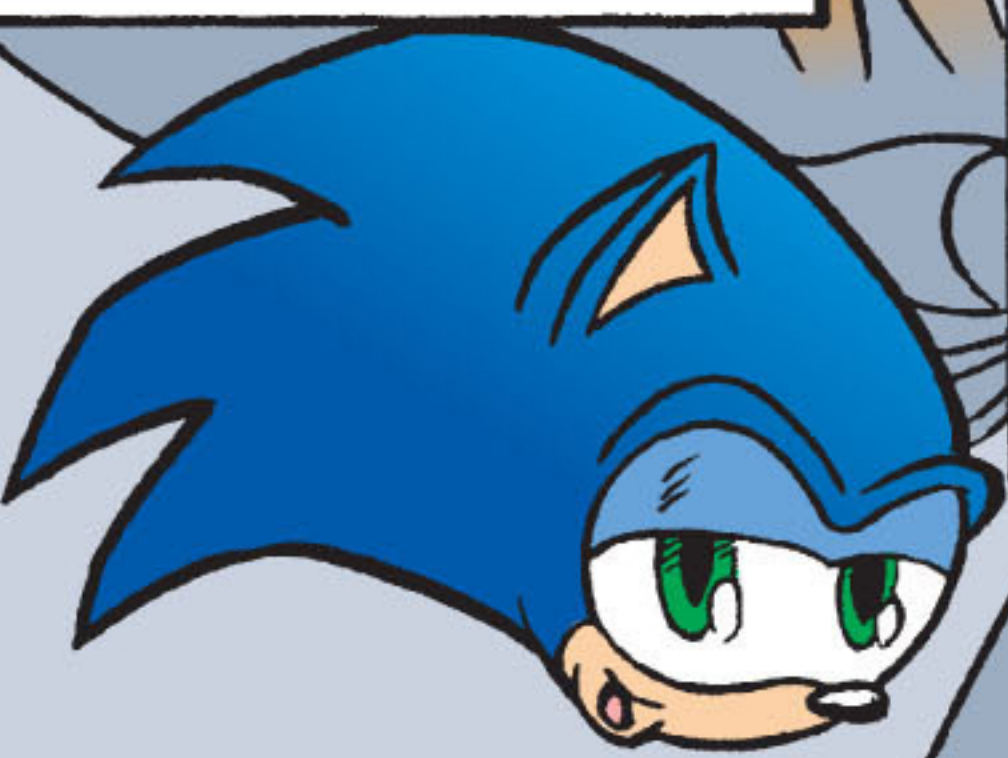
KAAAAA
TTTTT

"BUT THAT DIDN'T
MATTER TO THEM. THEY
JUST DRAGGED ME
HERE TO THE ZONE
OF LITIGOPOLIS--

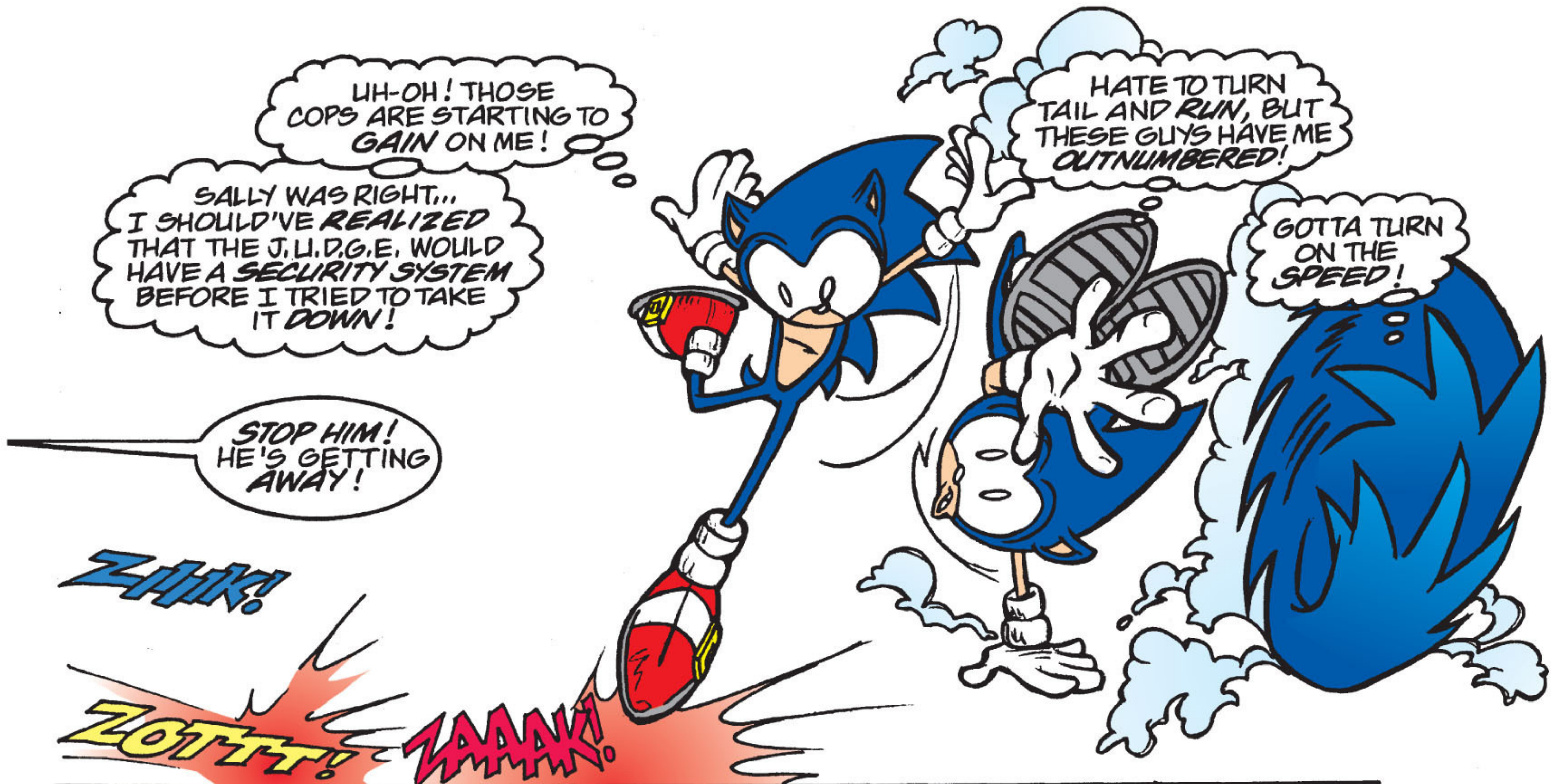
"-- WHERE THE
J.U.D.G.E.
COMPUTER
RULES INSTEAD
OF KING
ACORN!

"NOW THE ONLY
FRIEND I
HAVE HERE IS
MY LAWYER,
SALLY
MCACORN--

"--BECAUSE EVERYONE ELSE IS TOO
AFRAID THEY'LL GET SUED OR
BREAK ONE OF THE J.U.D.G.E.'S
UNFAIR LAWS!"



CLAP



UH-OH! THOSE COPS ARE STARTING TO GAIN ON ME!

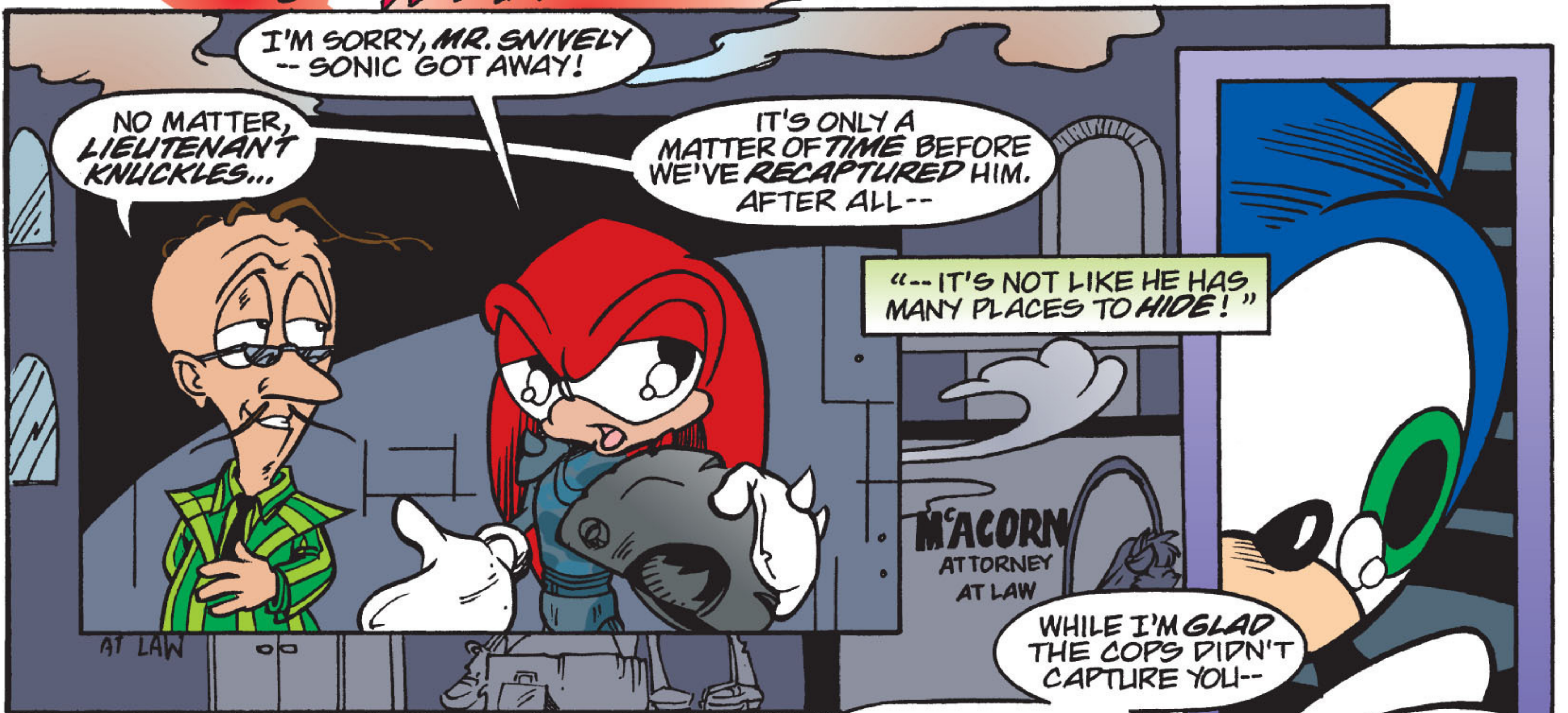
SALLY WAS RIGHT... I SHOULD'VE REALIZED THAT THE J.L.D.G.E. WOULD HAVE A SECURITY SYSTEM BEFORE I TRIED TO TAKE IT DOWN!

HATE TO TURN TAIL AND RUN, BUT THESE GUYS HAVE ME OUTNUMBERED!

GOTTA TURN ON THE SPEED!

STOP HIM! HE'S GETTING AWAY!

ZHIK!
ZOTT!
ZAAAK!



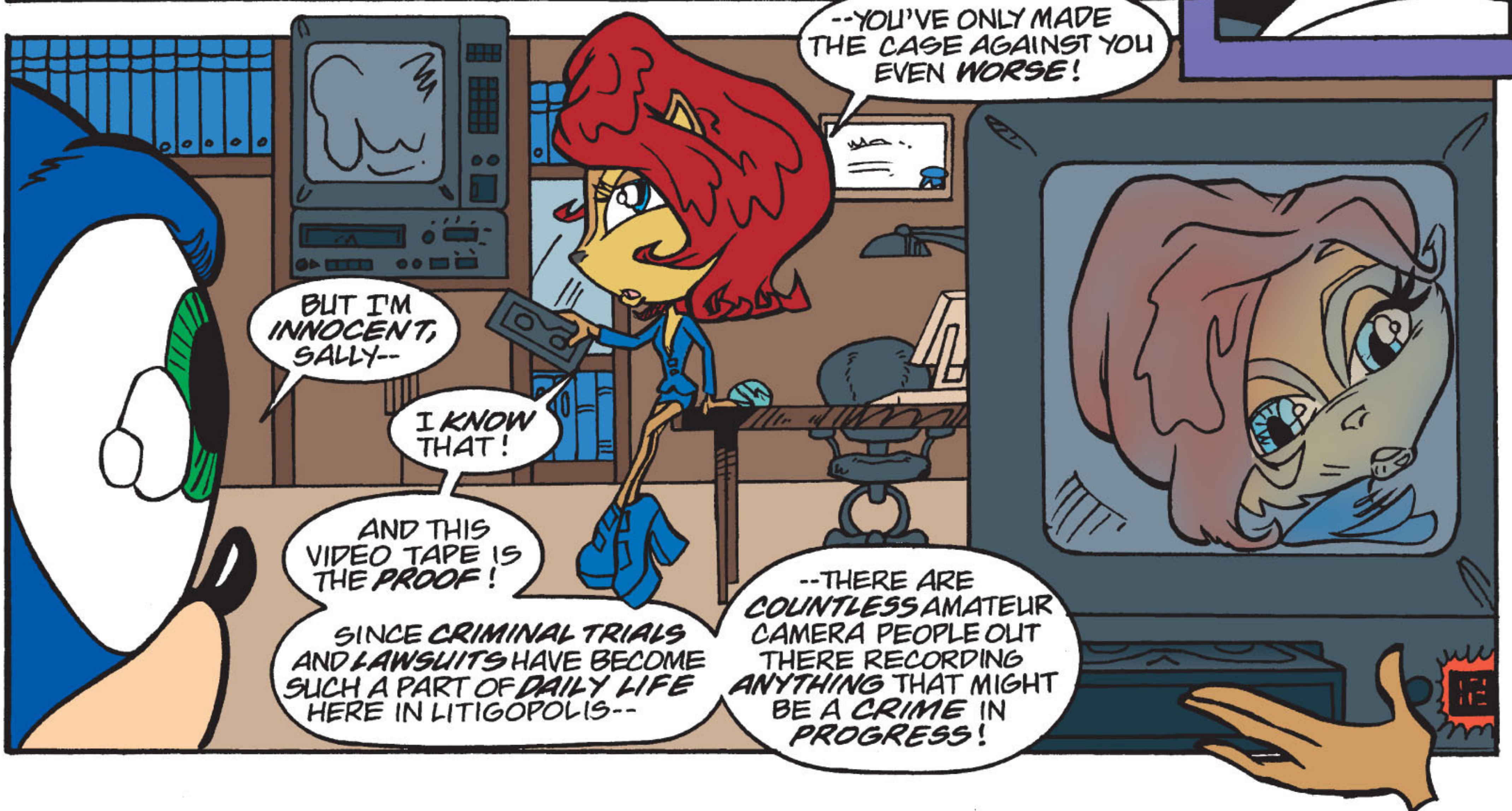
I'M SORRY, MR. SNIVELY -- SONIC GOT AWAY!

NO MATTER, LIEUTENANT KNUCKLES...

IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE'VE RECAPTURED HIM. AFTER ALL--

"-- IT'S NOT LIKE HE HAS MANY PLACES TO HIDE!"

WHILE I'M GLAD THE COPS DIDN'T CAPTURE YOU--



--YOU'VE ONLY MADE THE CASE AGAINST YOU EVEN WORSE!

BUT I'M INNOCENT, SALLY--

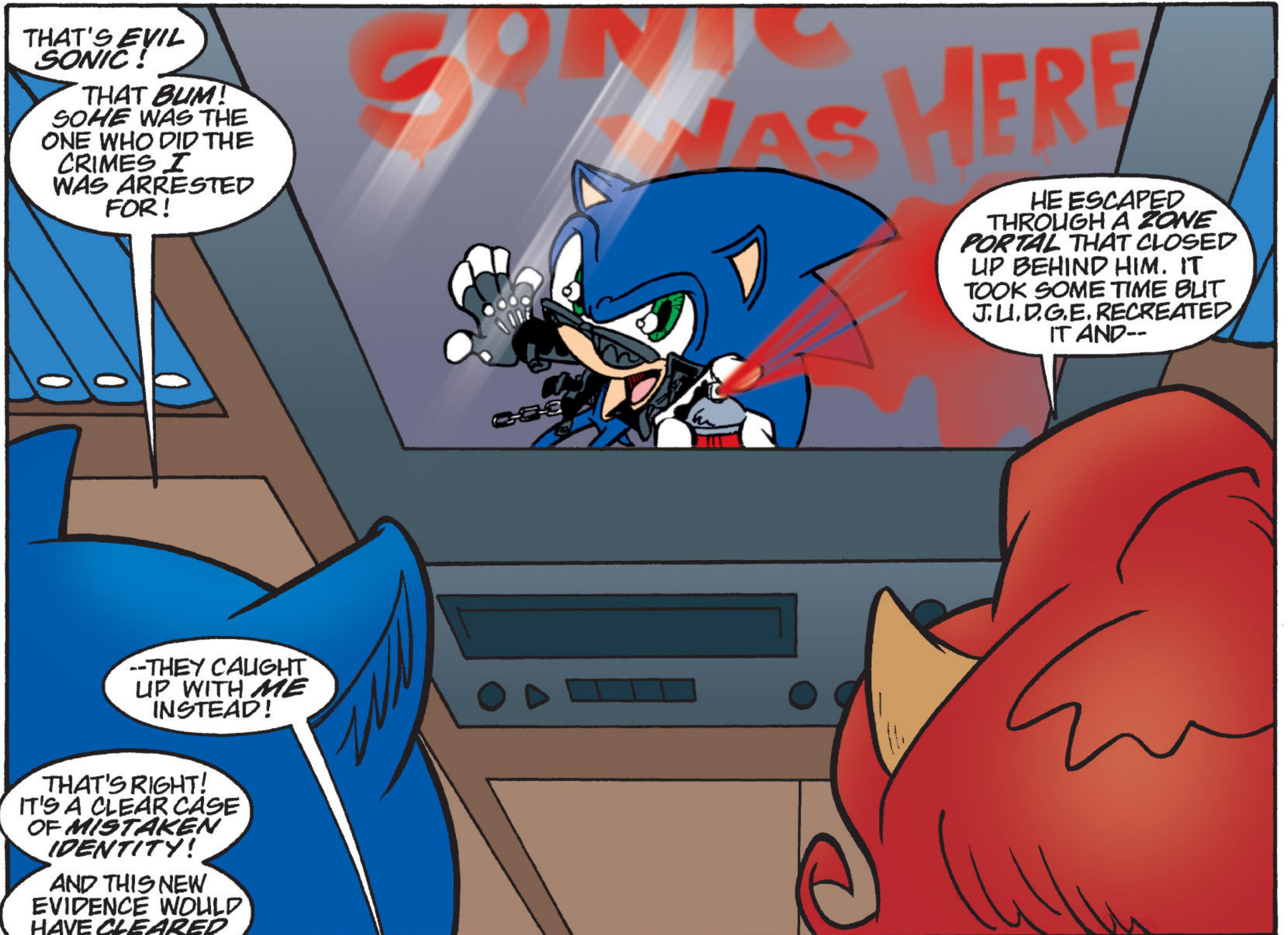
I KNOW THAT!

AND THIS VIDEO TAPE IS THE PROOF!

SINCE CRIMINAL TRIALS AND LAWSUITS HAVE BECOME SUCH A PART OF DAILY LIFE HERE IN LITIGOPOLIS--

--THERE ARE COUNTLESS AMATEUR CAMERA PEOPLE OUT THERE RECORDING ANYTHING THAT MIGHT BE A CRIME IN PROGRESS!





THAT'S EVIL SONIC!

THAT BUM! SOME WAS THE ONE WHO DID THE CRIMES I WAS ARRESTED FOR!

HE ESCAPED THROUGH A ZONE PORTAL THAT CLOSED UP BEHIND HIM. IT TOOK SOME TIME BUT J.U.D.G.E. RECREATED IT AND--

--THEY CAUGHT UP WITH ME INSTEAD!

THAT'S RIGHT! IT'S A CLEAR CASE OF MISTAKEN IDENTITY!

AND THIS NEW EVIDENCE WOULD HAVE CLEARED YOUR NAME--

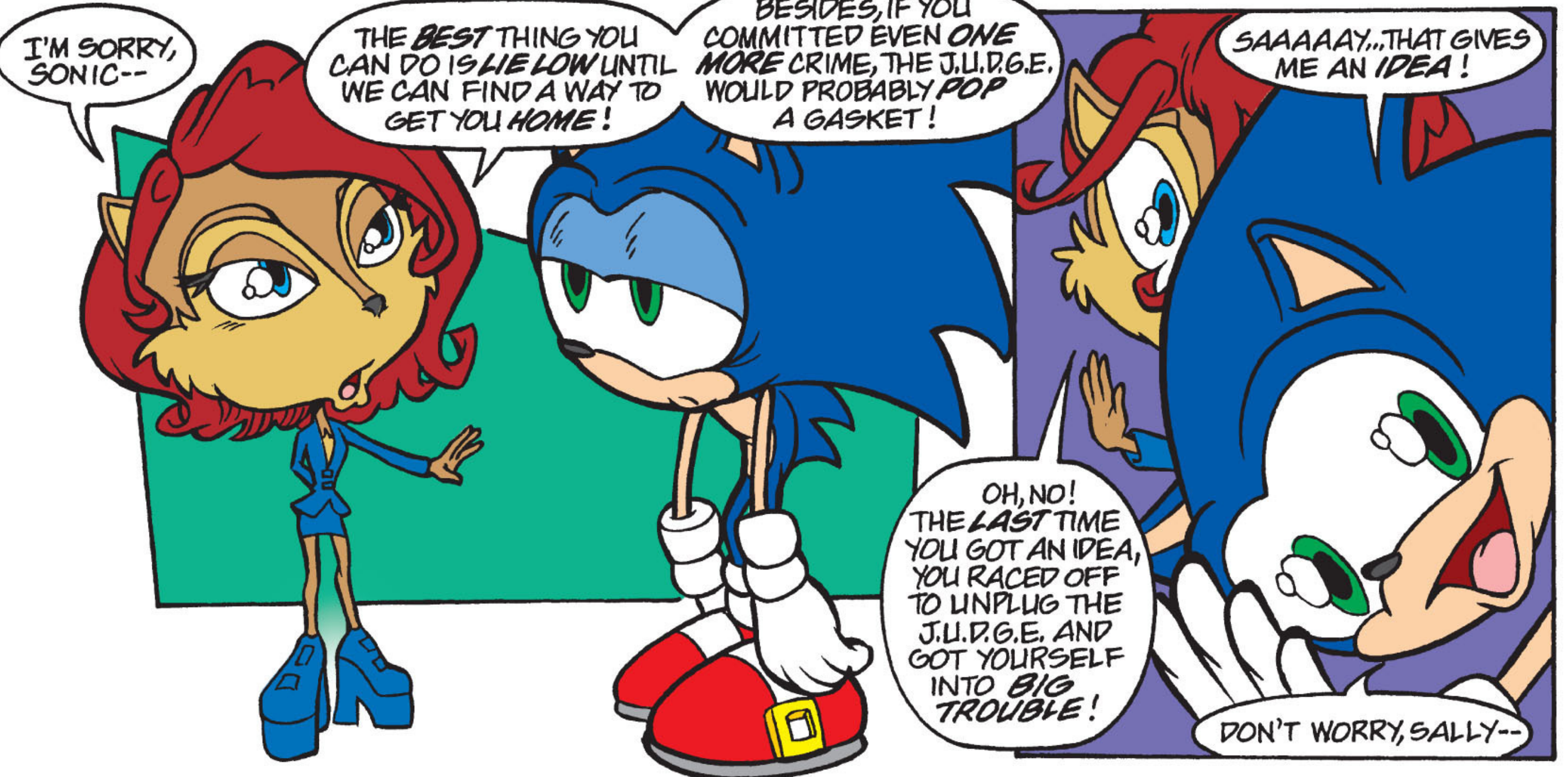


--IF YOU HADN'T TRIED TO INVADGE THE J.U.D.G.E.'S CHAMBERS!



NOW YOU'LL BE TRIED FOR HIGH TREASON!

BUT THERE'S GOTTA BE SOMETHING WE CAN DO!



I'M SORRY, SONIC--

THE BEST THING YOU CAN DO IS LIE LOW UNTIL WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET YOU HOME!

BESIDES, IF YOU COMMITTED EVEN ONE MORE CRIME, THE J.U.D.G.E. WOULD PROBABLY POP A GASKET!

SAAAAAY... THAT GIVES ME AN IDEA!

OH, NO! THE LAST TIME YOU GOT AN IDEA, YOU RACED OFF TO UNPLUG THE J.U.D.G.E. AND GOT YOURSELF INTO BIG TROUBLE!

DON'T WORRY, SALLY--

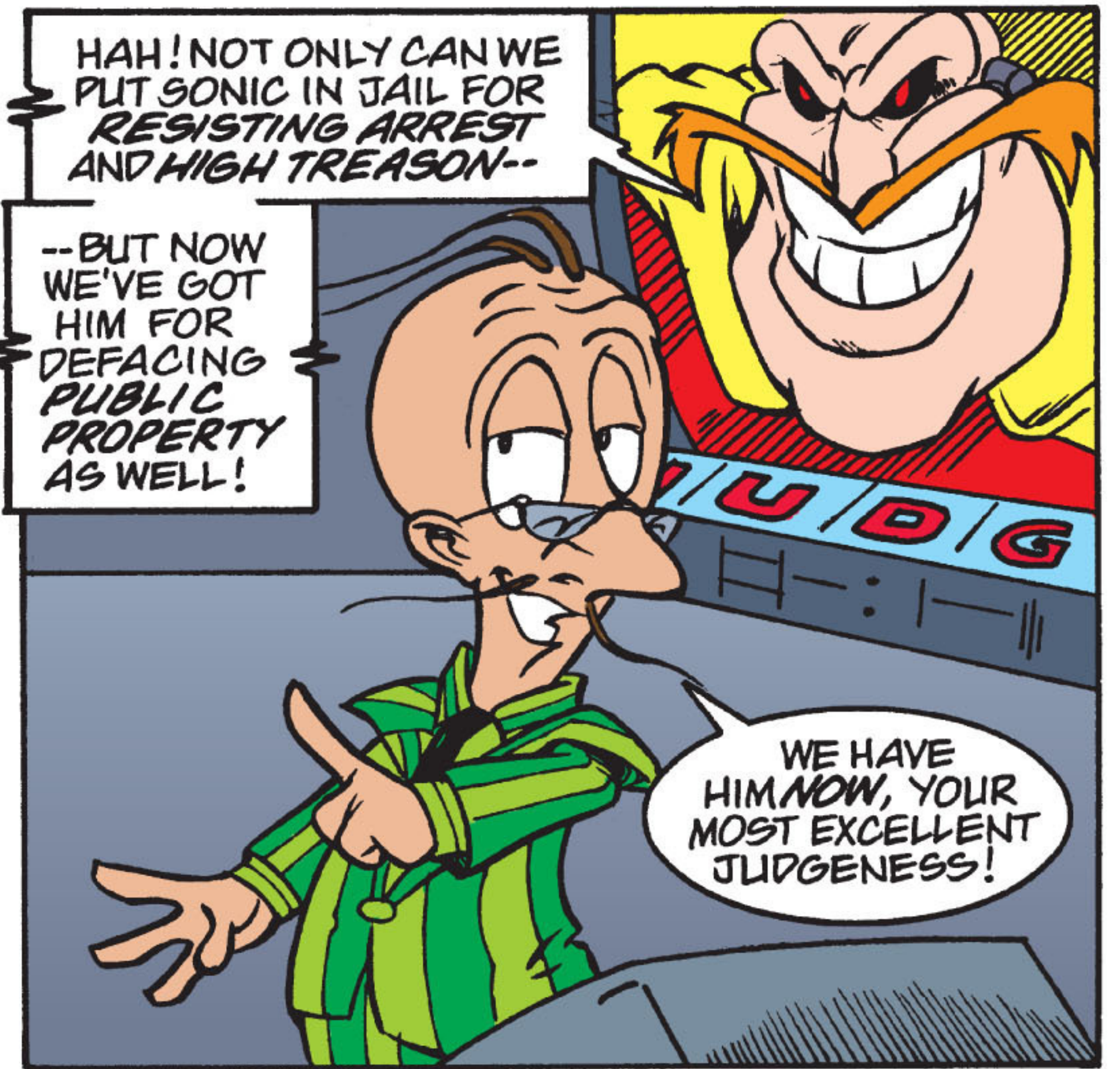


"--I'VE GOT THIS UNDER CONTROL!"

The real SONIC WAS HERE

STOP!
YOU'RE UNDER
ARREST!

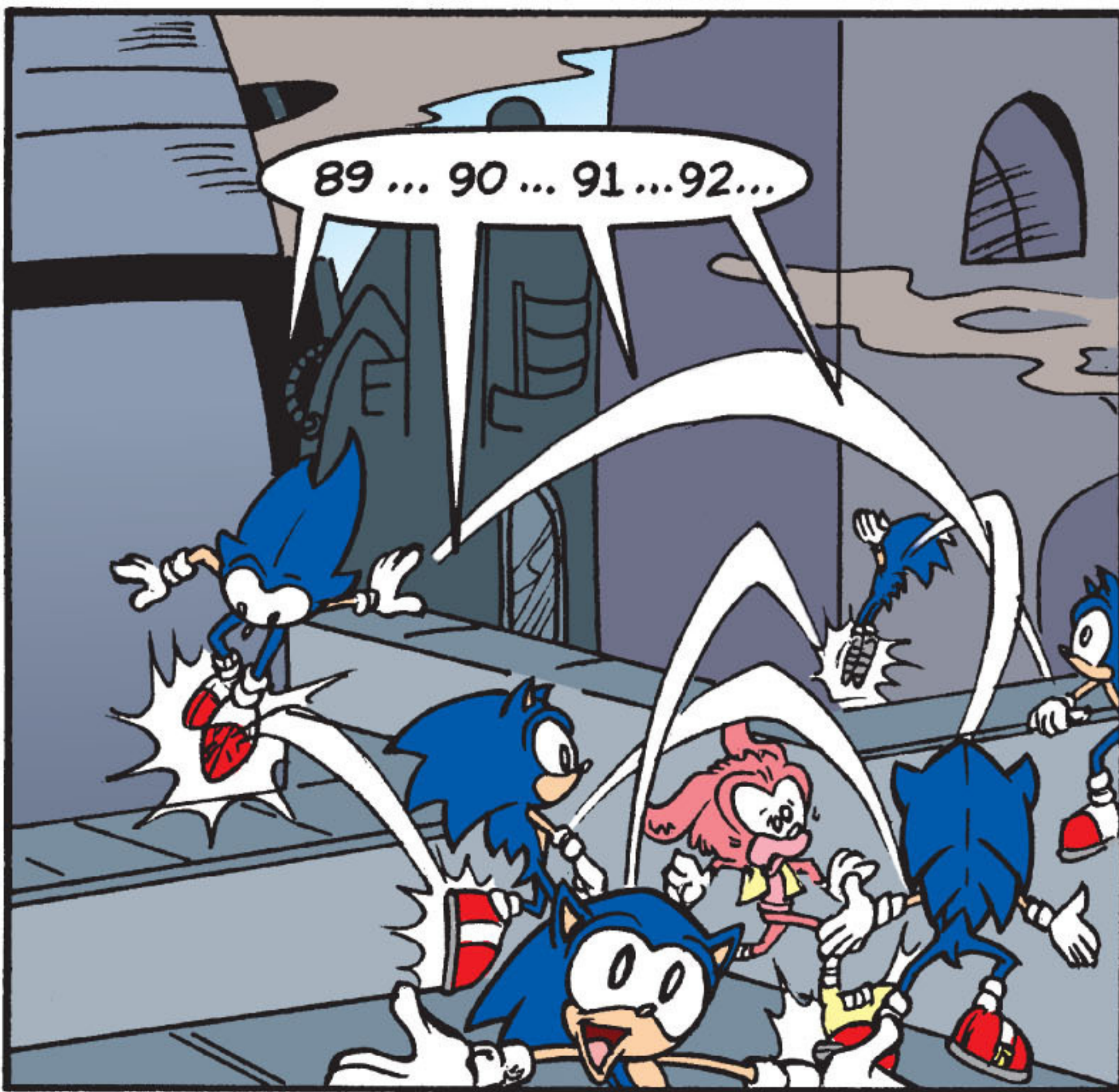
NO, I'M
NOT! I'M
JUST GETTING
STARTED!



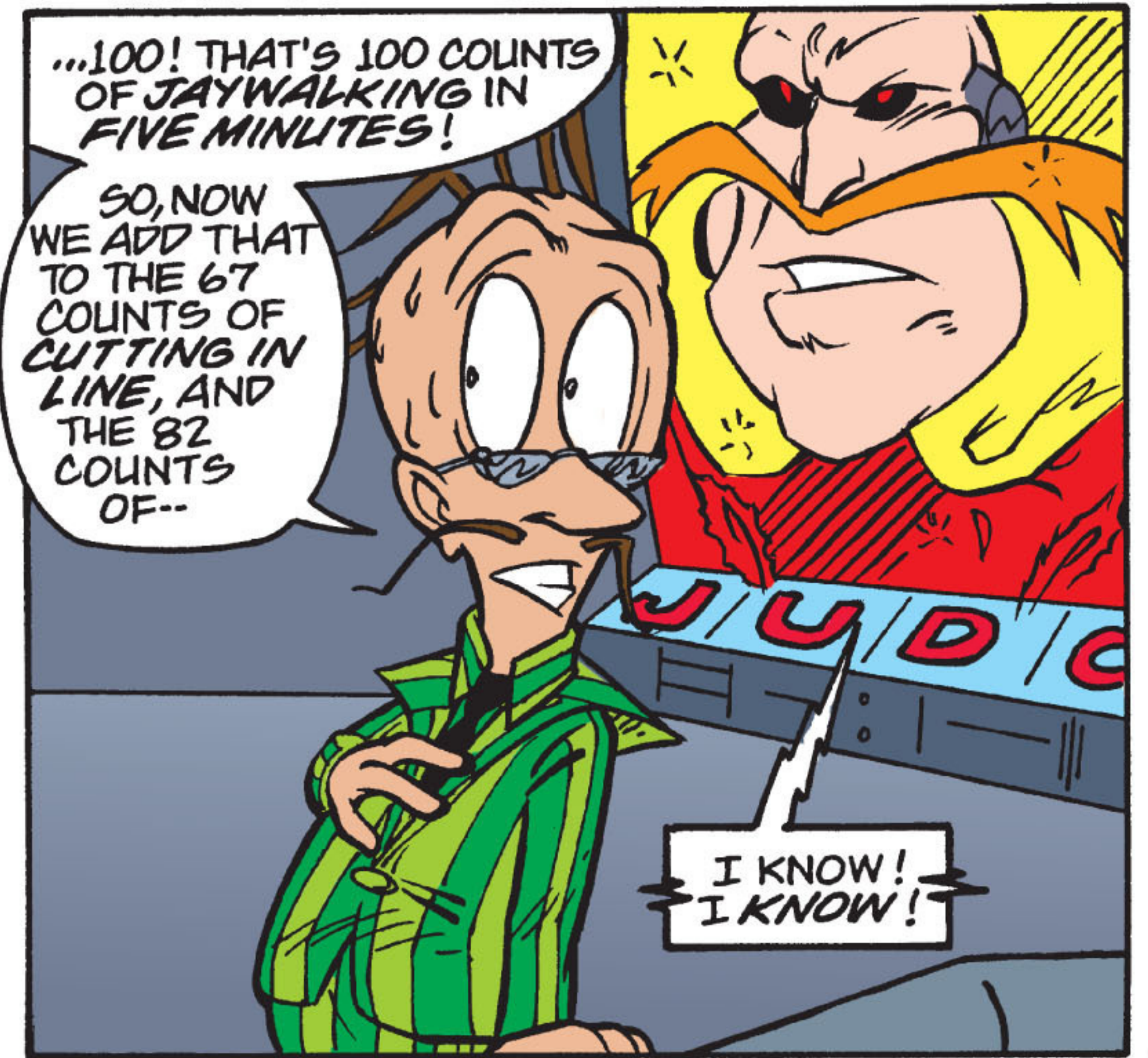
HAH! NOT ONLY CAN WE
PUT SONIC IN JAIL FOR
RESISTING ARREST
AND HIGH TREASON--

--BUT NOW
WE'VE GOT
HIM FOR
DEFACING
PUBLIC
PROPERTY
AS WELL!

WE HAVE
HIM NOW, YOUR
MOST EXCELLENT
JUDGEMENT!



89 ... 90 ... 91 ... 92...



...100! THAT'S 100 COUNTS
OF JAYWALKING IN
FIVE MINUTES!

SO, NOW
WE ADD THAT
TO THE 67
COUNTS OF
CUTTING IN
LINE, AND
THE 82
COUNTS
OF--

I KNOW!
I KNOW!

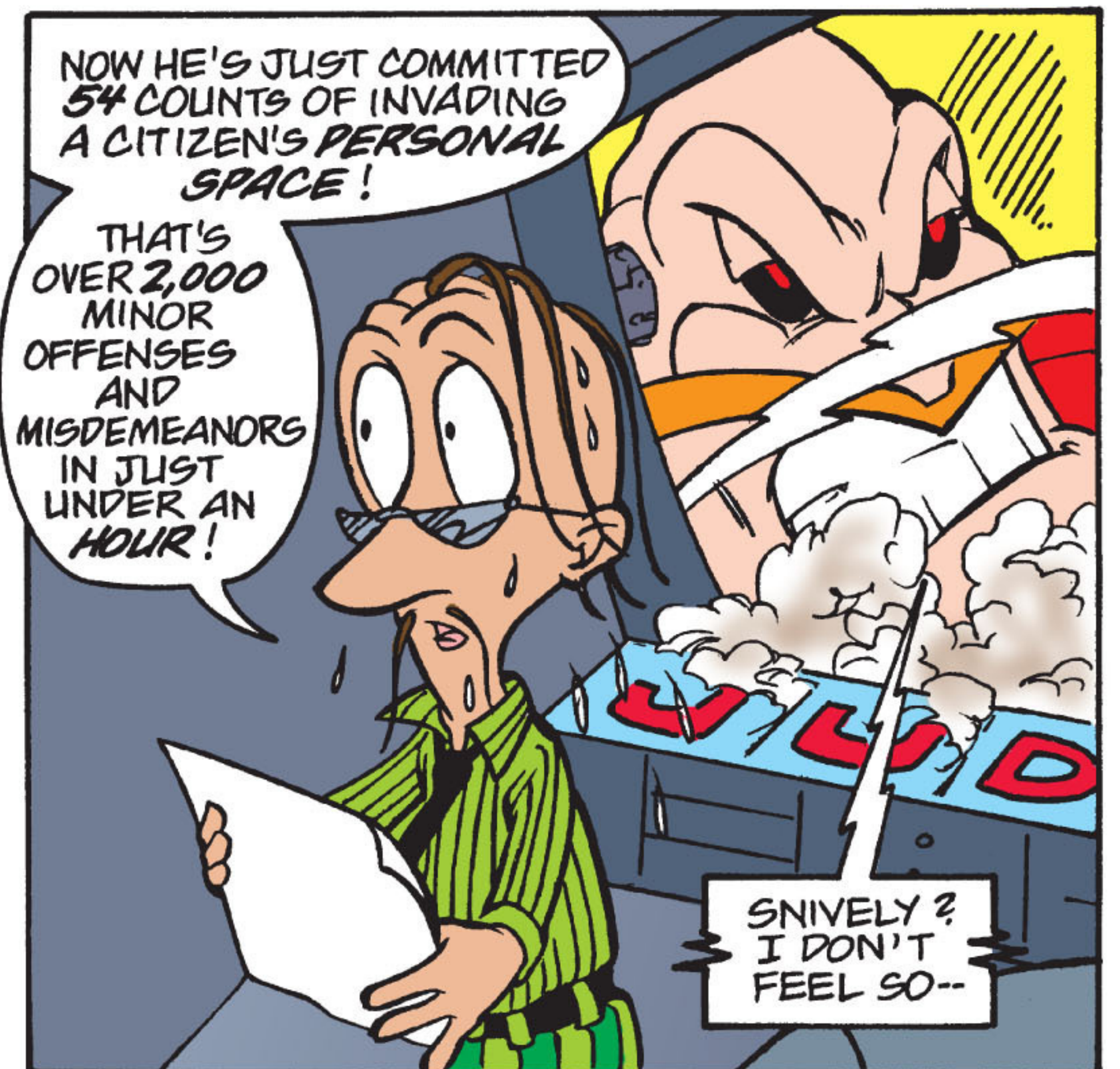


Heh,
Heh...

AAAARGH!

STOP
THAT!

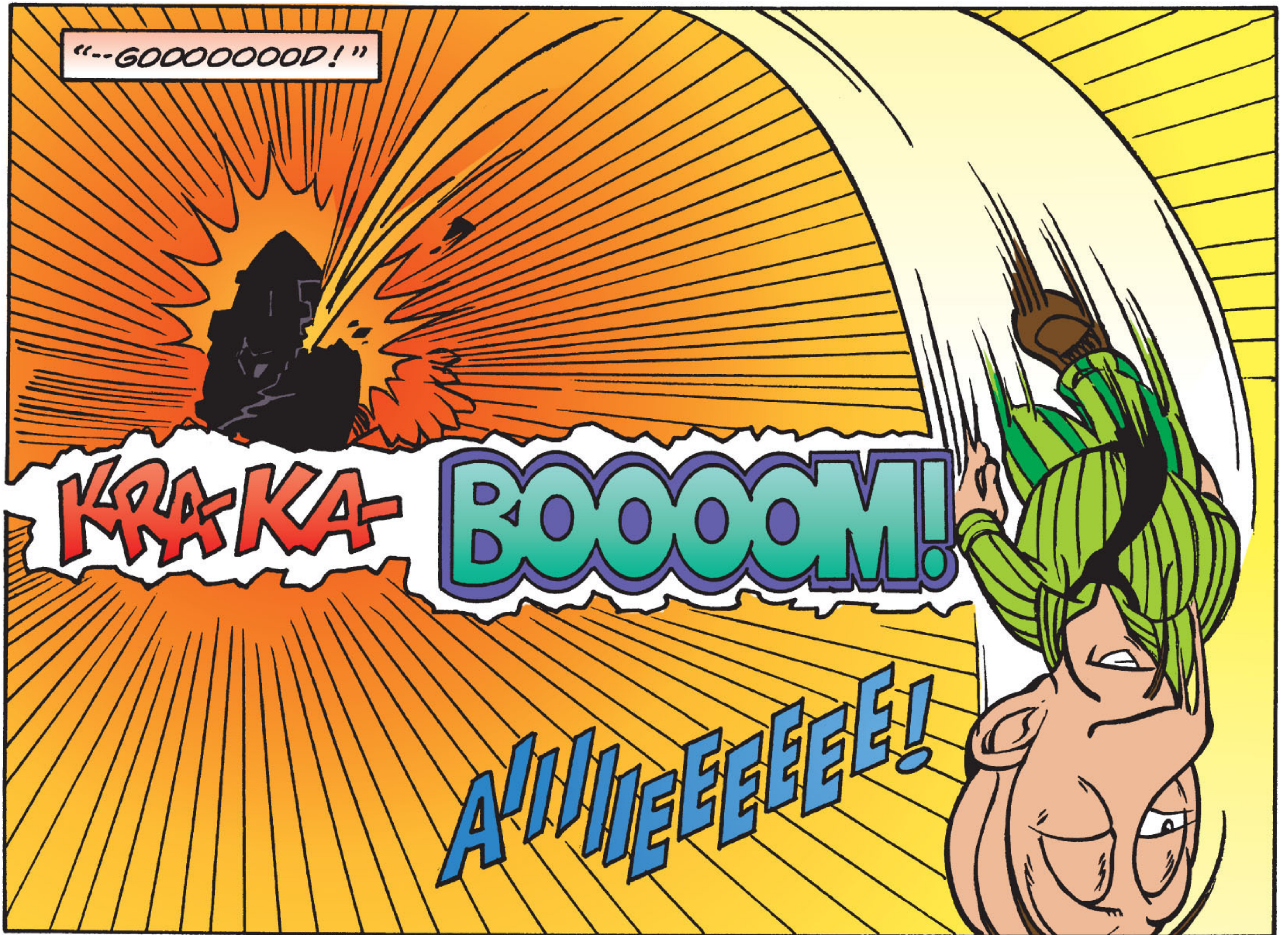
HEY!



NOW HE'S JUST COMMITTED
54 COUNTS OF INVADING
A CITIZEN'S PERSONAL
SPACE!

THAT'S
OVER 2,000
MINOR
OFFENSES
AND
MISDEMEANORS
IN JUST
UNDER AN
HOUR!

SNIVELY?
I DON'T
FEEL SO--



"---GODDDDDDD!"

KRAKA-

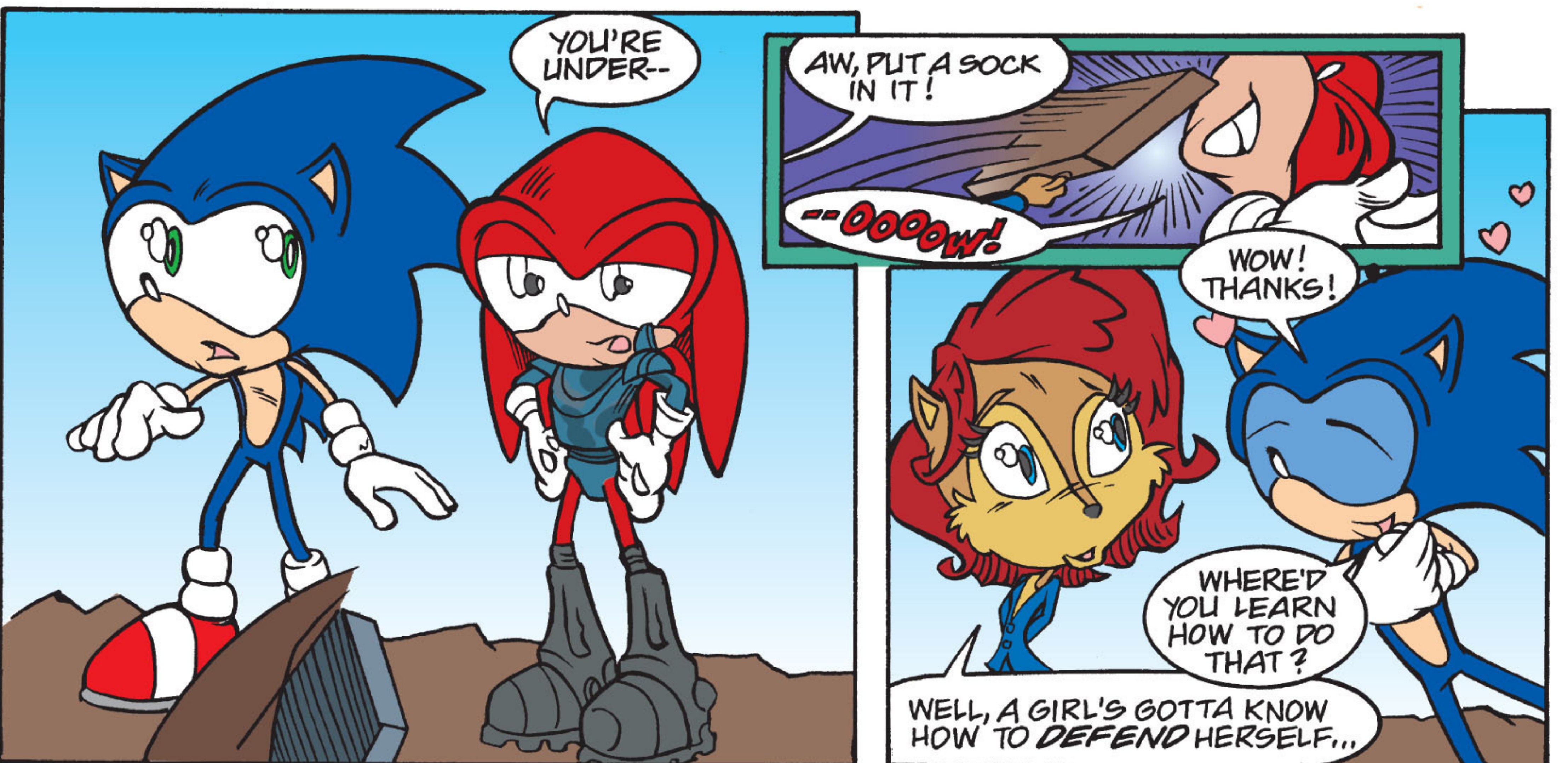
BOOOOM!

AIIIEEEEE!



HA! I KNEW IF I CAUSED ENOUGH TROUBLE, I'D OVERLOAD THAT COMPUTER TYRANT!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, CRIMINAL!



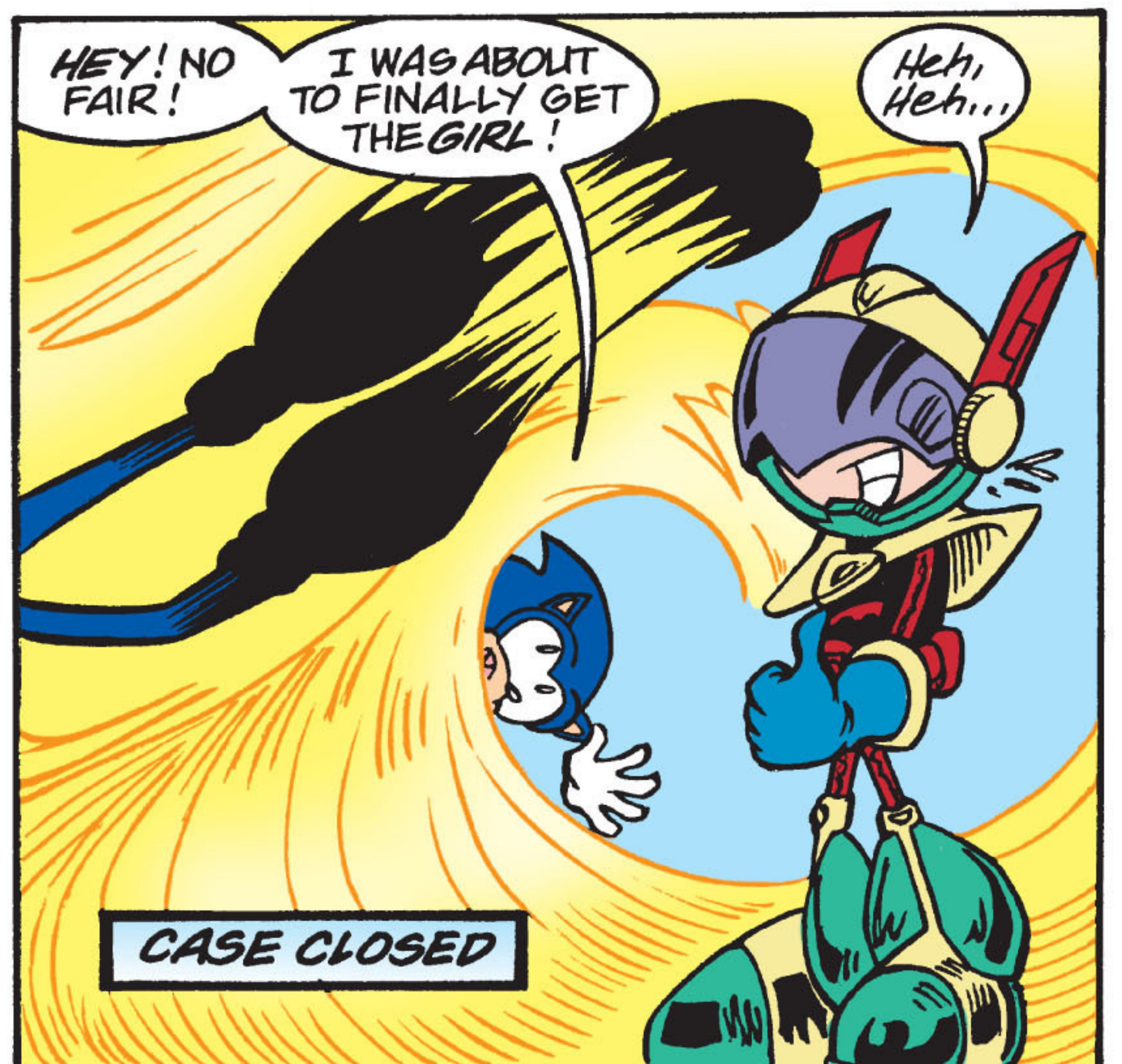
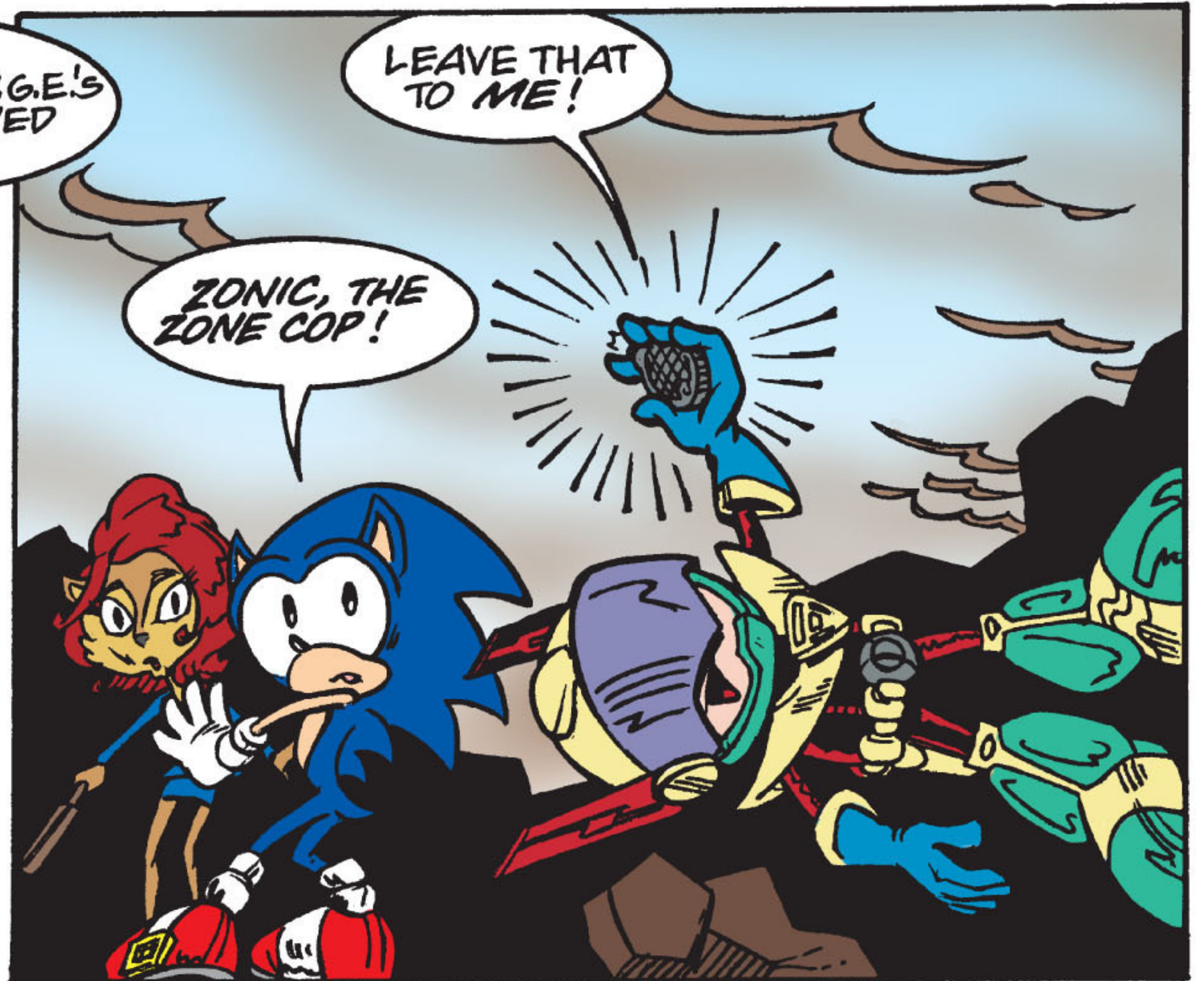
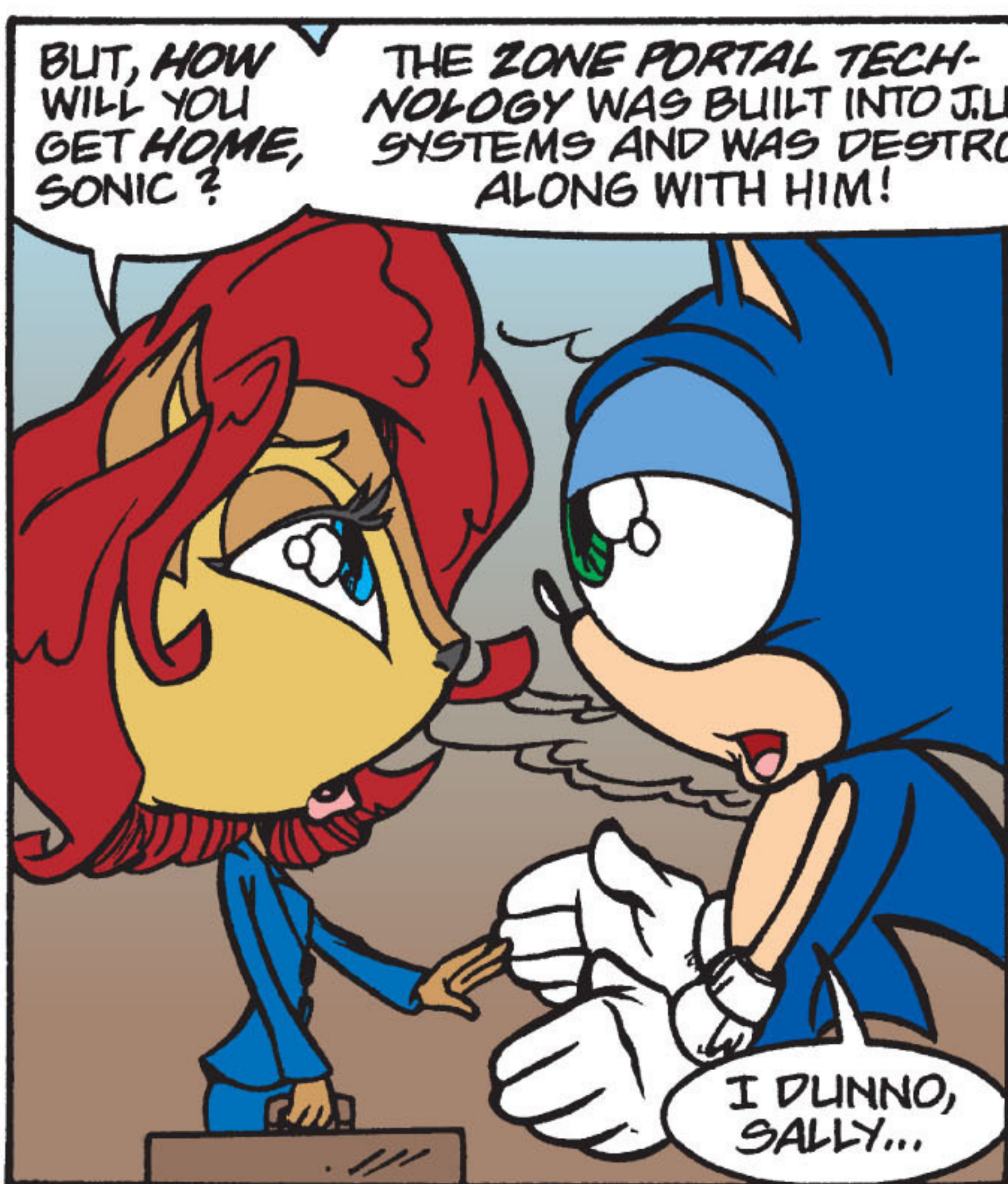
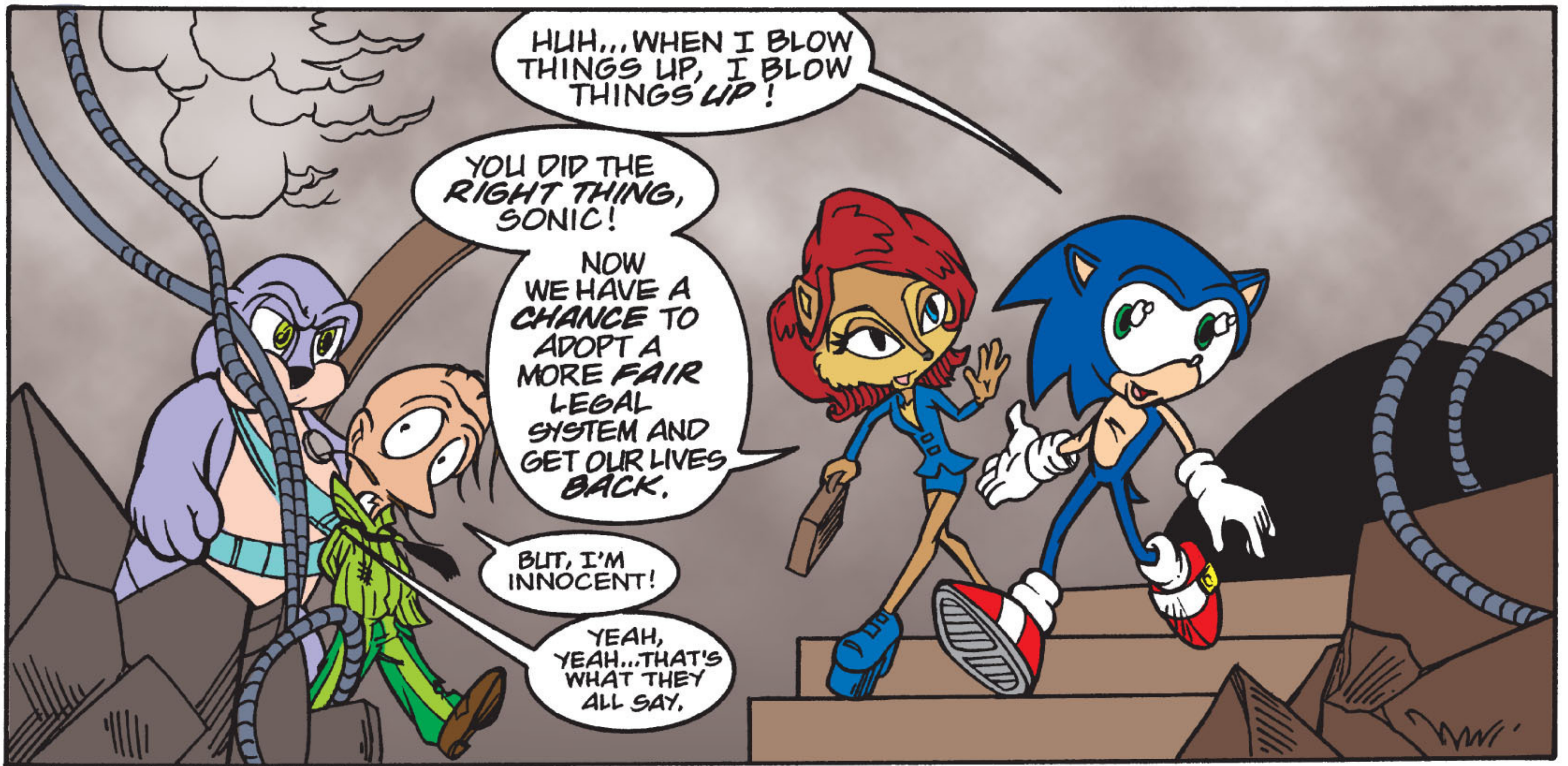
YOU'RE UNDER--

AW, PUT A SOCK IN IT!
---Oooow!

WOW! THANKS!

WHERE'D YOU LEARN HOW TO DO THAT?

WELL, A GIRL'S GOTTA KNOW HOW TO DEFEND HERSELF...



SOMETIMES NO MATTER
WHAT YOU *DO*, IT'S
NEVER ENOUGH!

TAKE MY SITUATION. I'M
RUNNING FOR MY LIFE--

--AND I HAVEN'T A *CLUE*
ONE FROM WHAT!

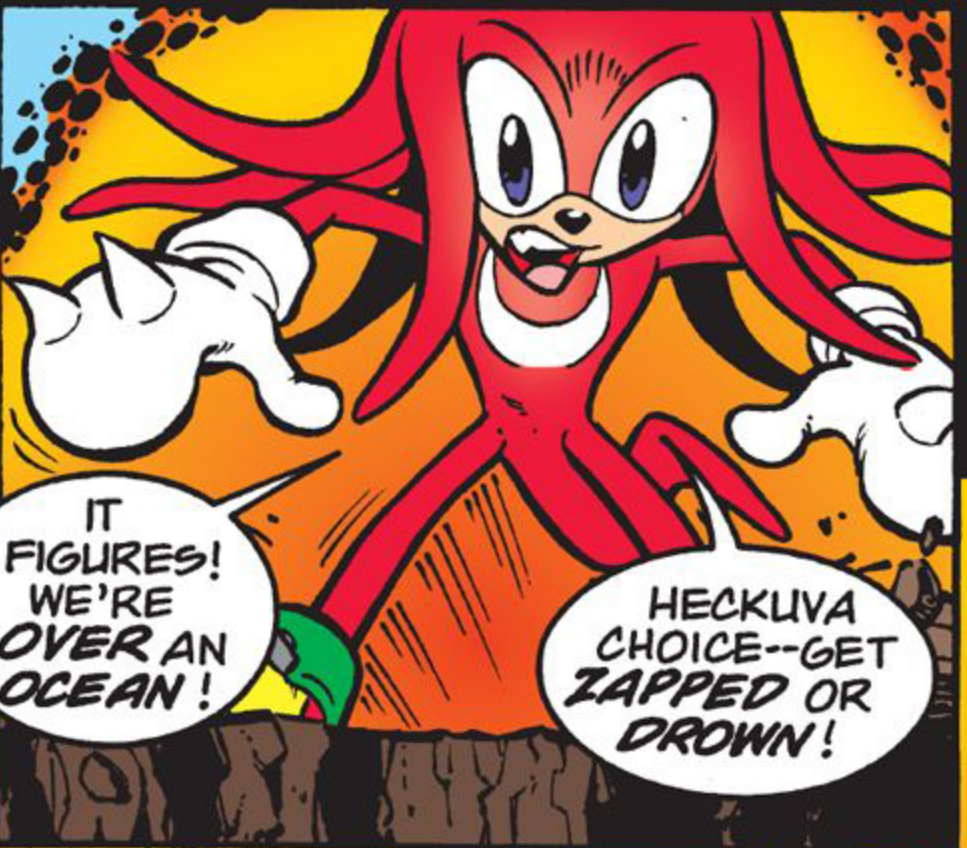
AS FOR *WHERE* I
SHOULD RUN, ALL I
COME UP WITH IS--



-- IS ANYWHERE
BUT HERE!

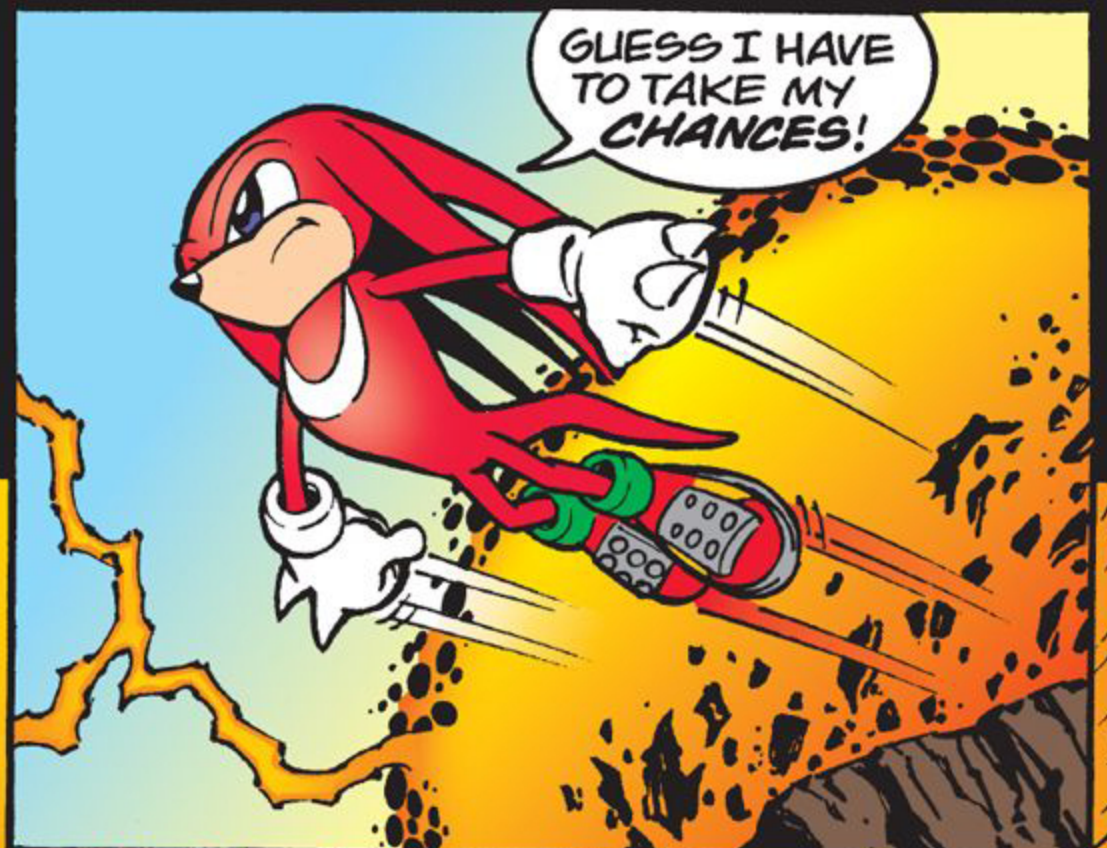


I'M
RUNNING OUT
OF FLOORSPACE--
FAST!



IT
FIGURES!
WE'RE
OVER AN
OCEAN!

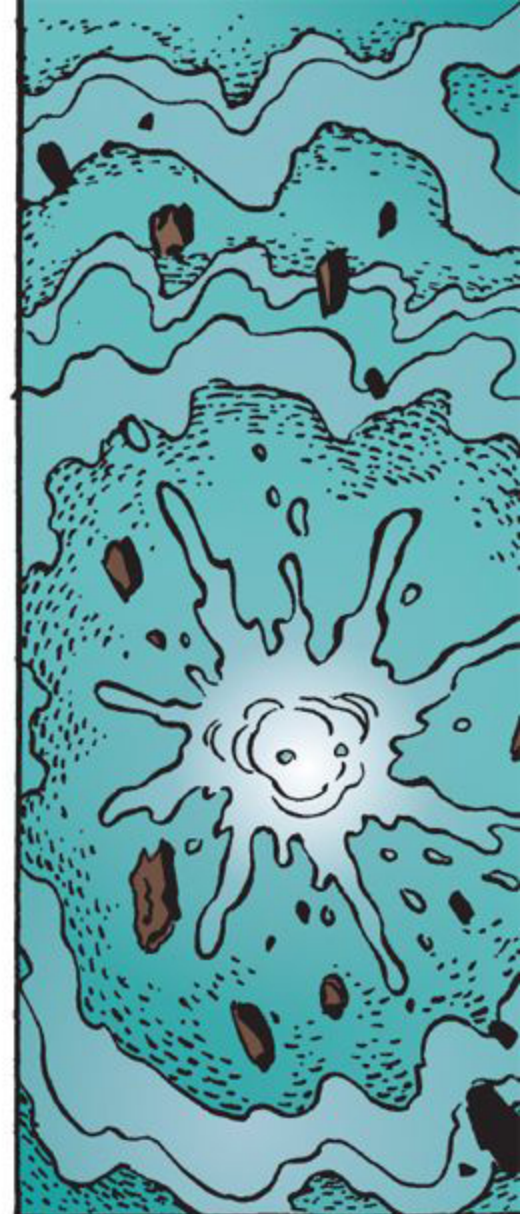
HECKLVA
CHOICE--GET
ZAPPED OR
DROWN!



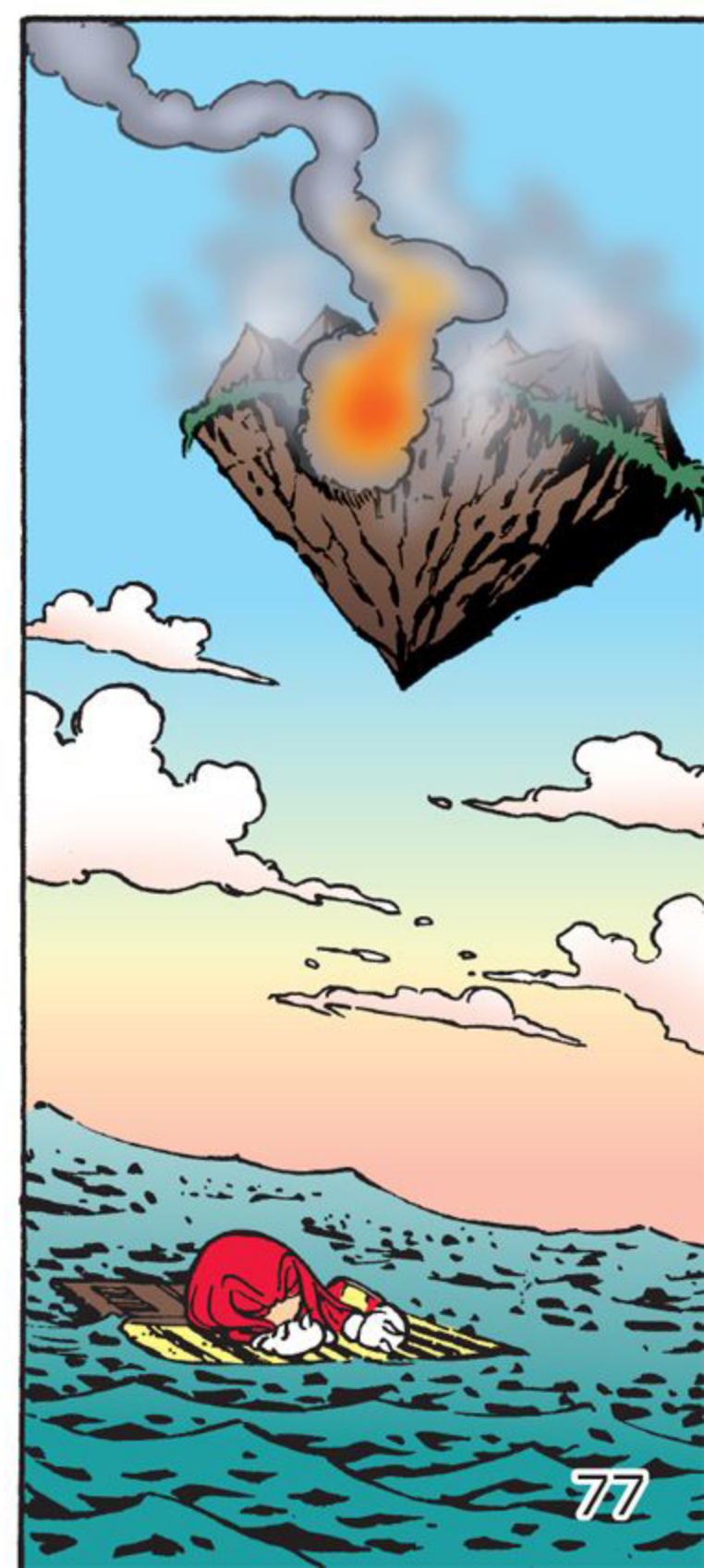
GUESS I HAVE
TO TAKE MY
CHANCES!



UGH!!



SPLAASH!!!



I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.

HOW DID YOURS TRULY END UP IN THE SOUP LIKE THIS ?

HONEST ANSWER: I'M NOT SURE.

MAYBE IT BEGAN AT THE WEDDING OF MY MOM TO HER FIANCE WYNNACHER.

I NOW PRONOUNCE YOU ECHIDNA AND SPOUSE!

YOU MAY NOW KISS THE BRIDE, WYNNACHER!



GNUCKLES™

THE ECHIDNA

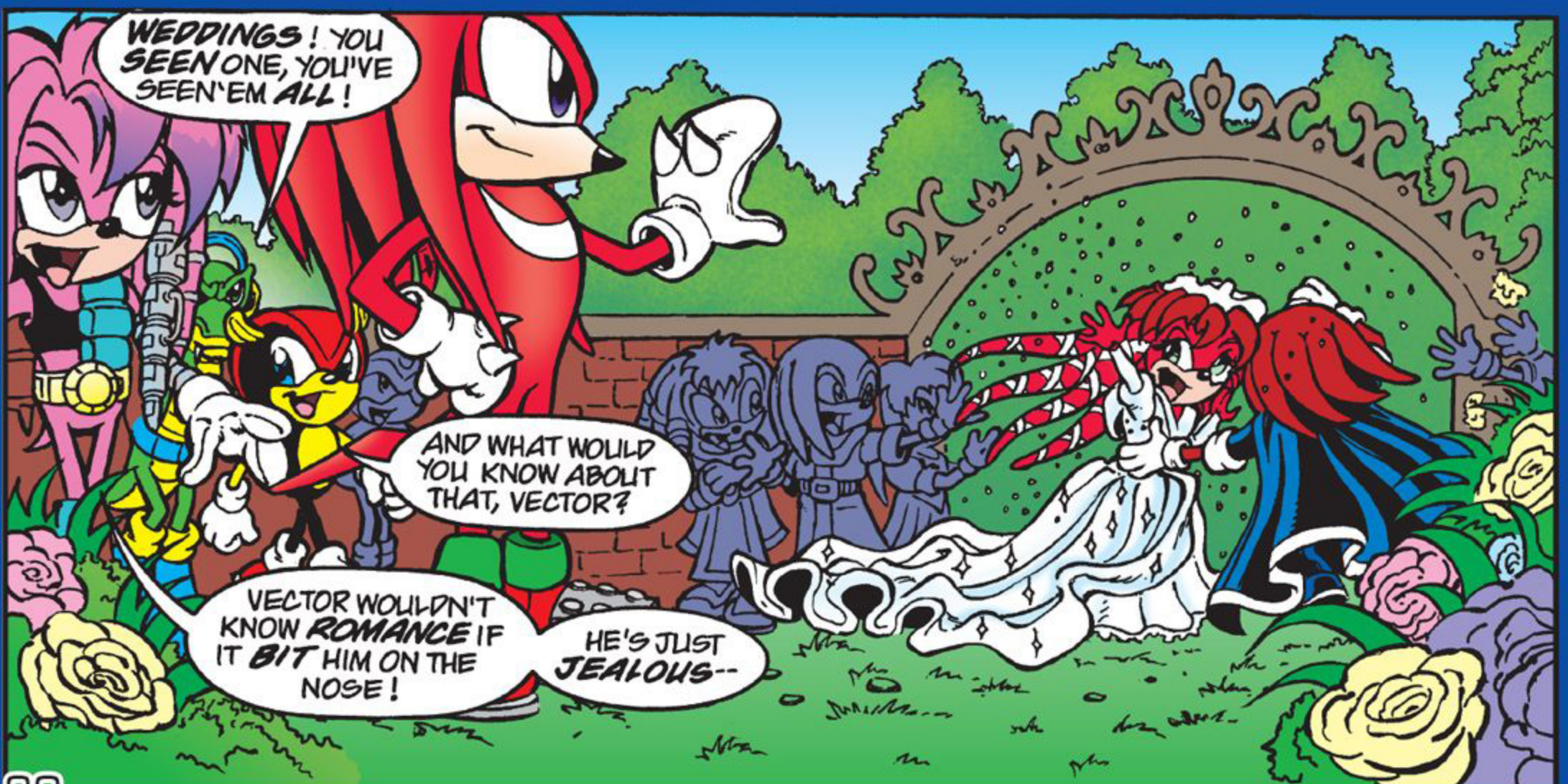
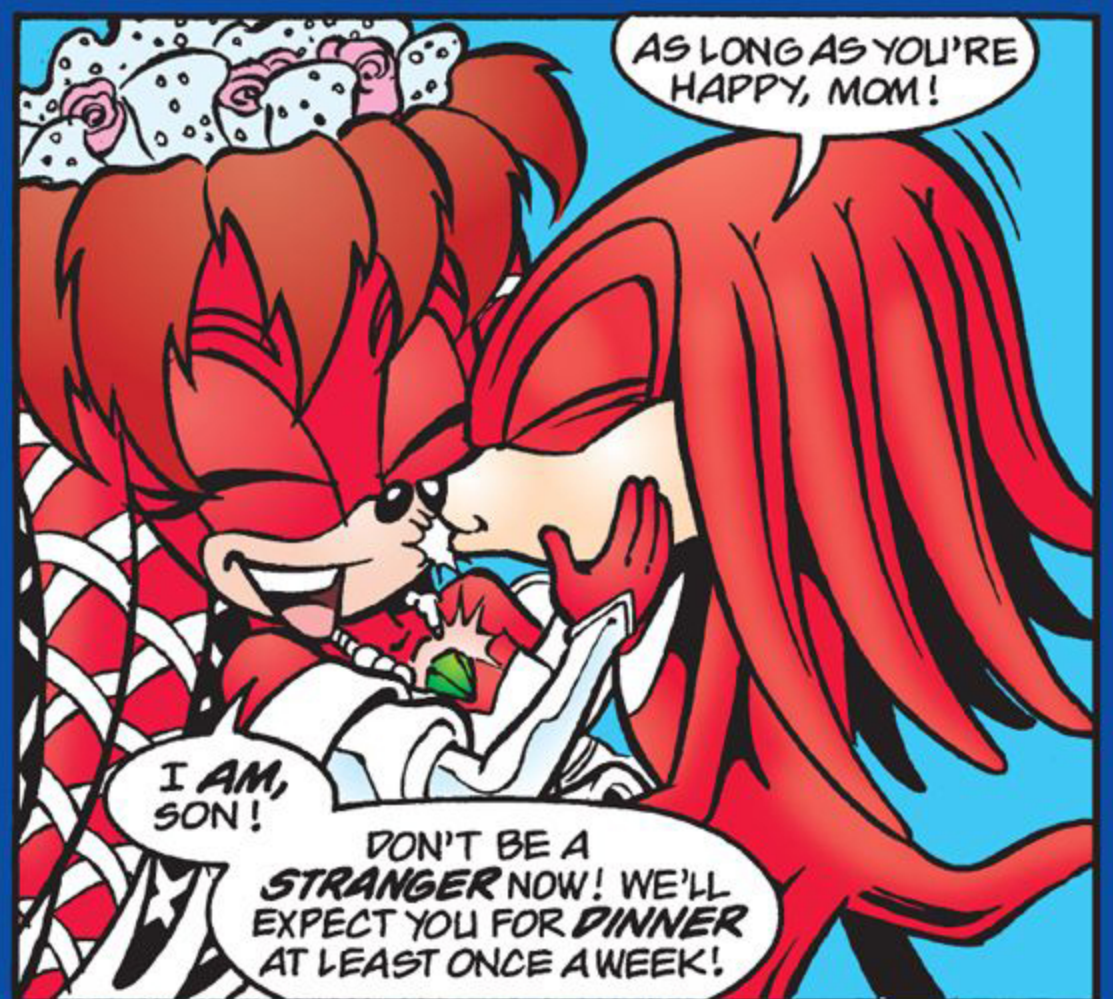
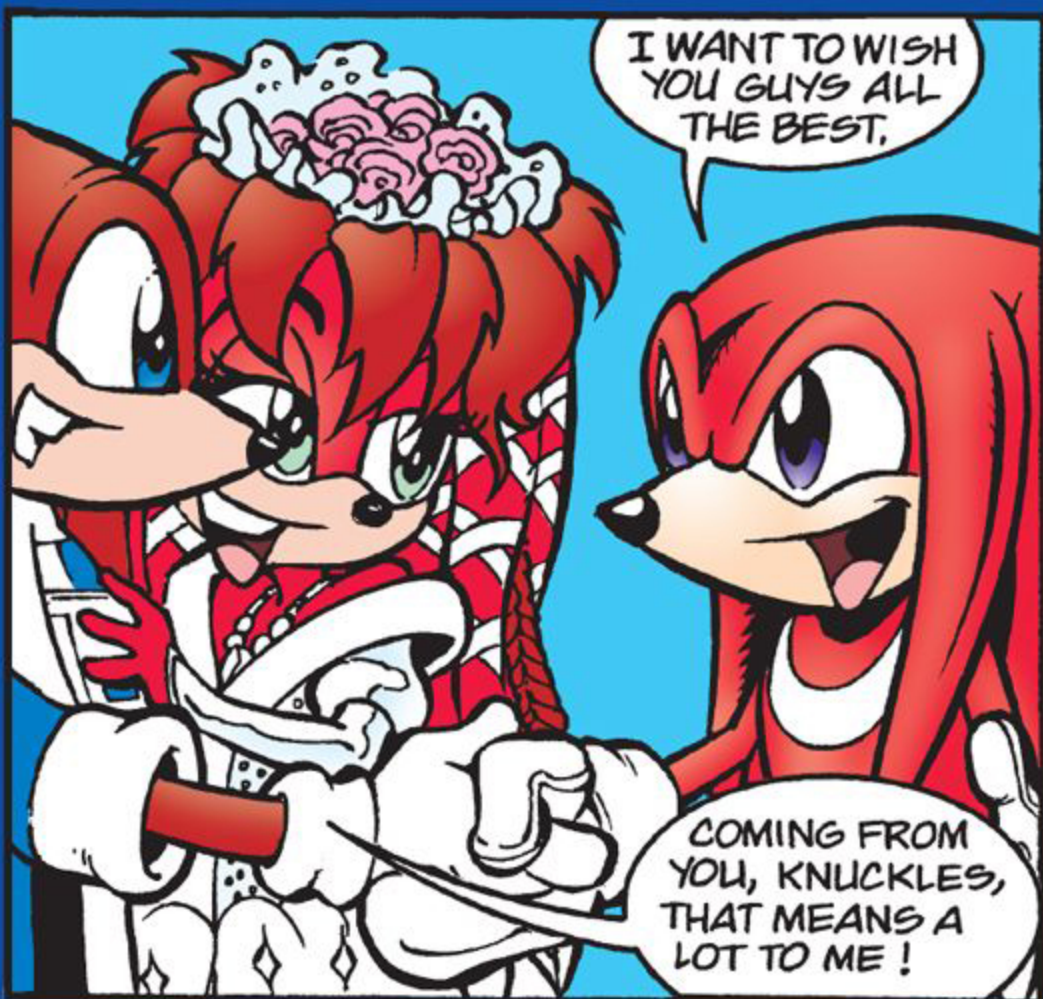
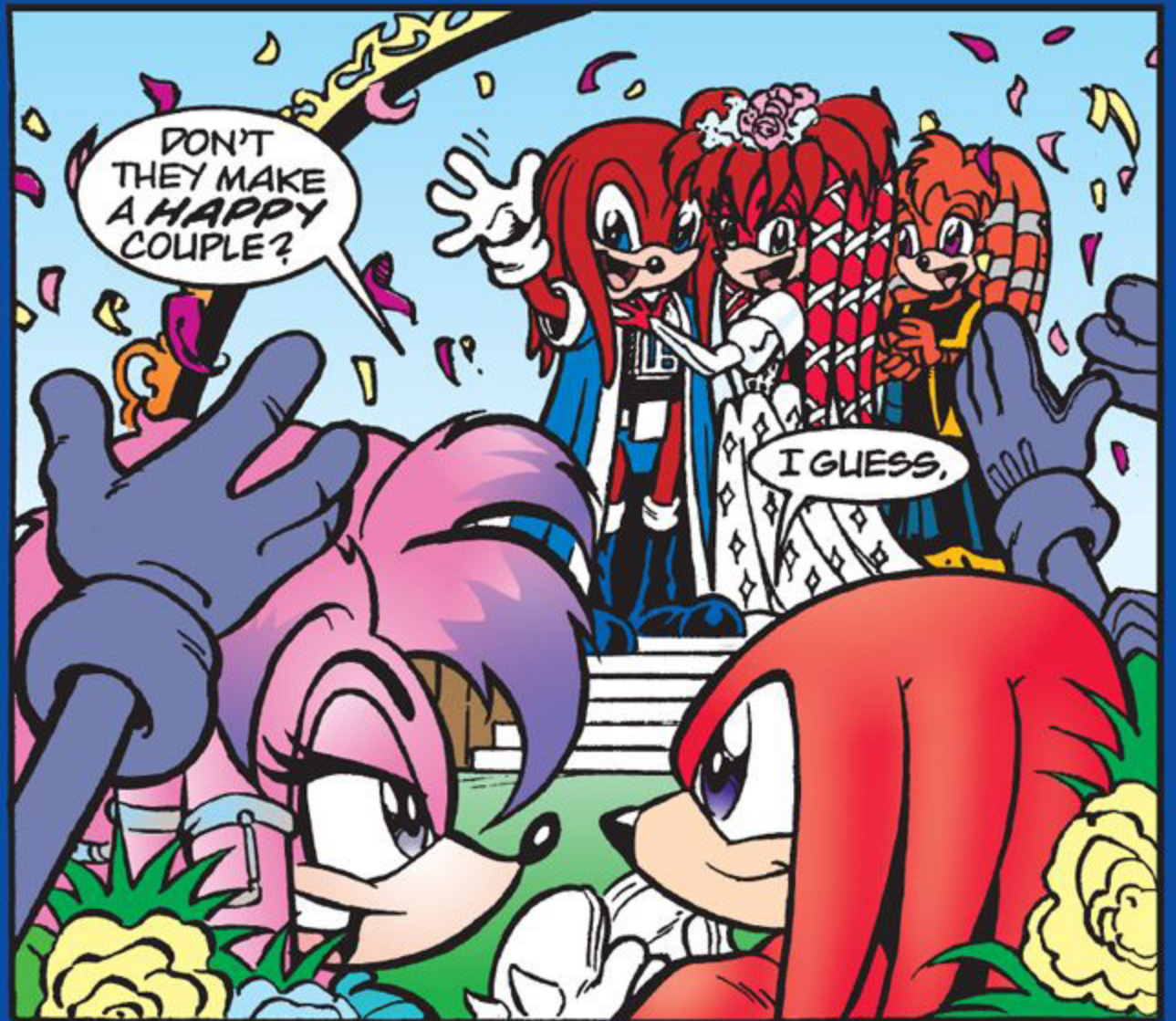
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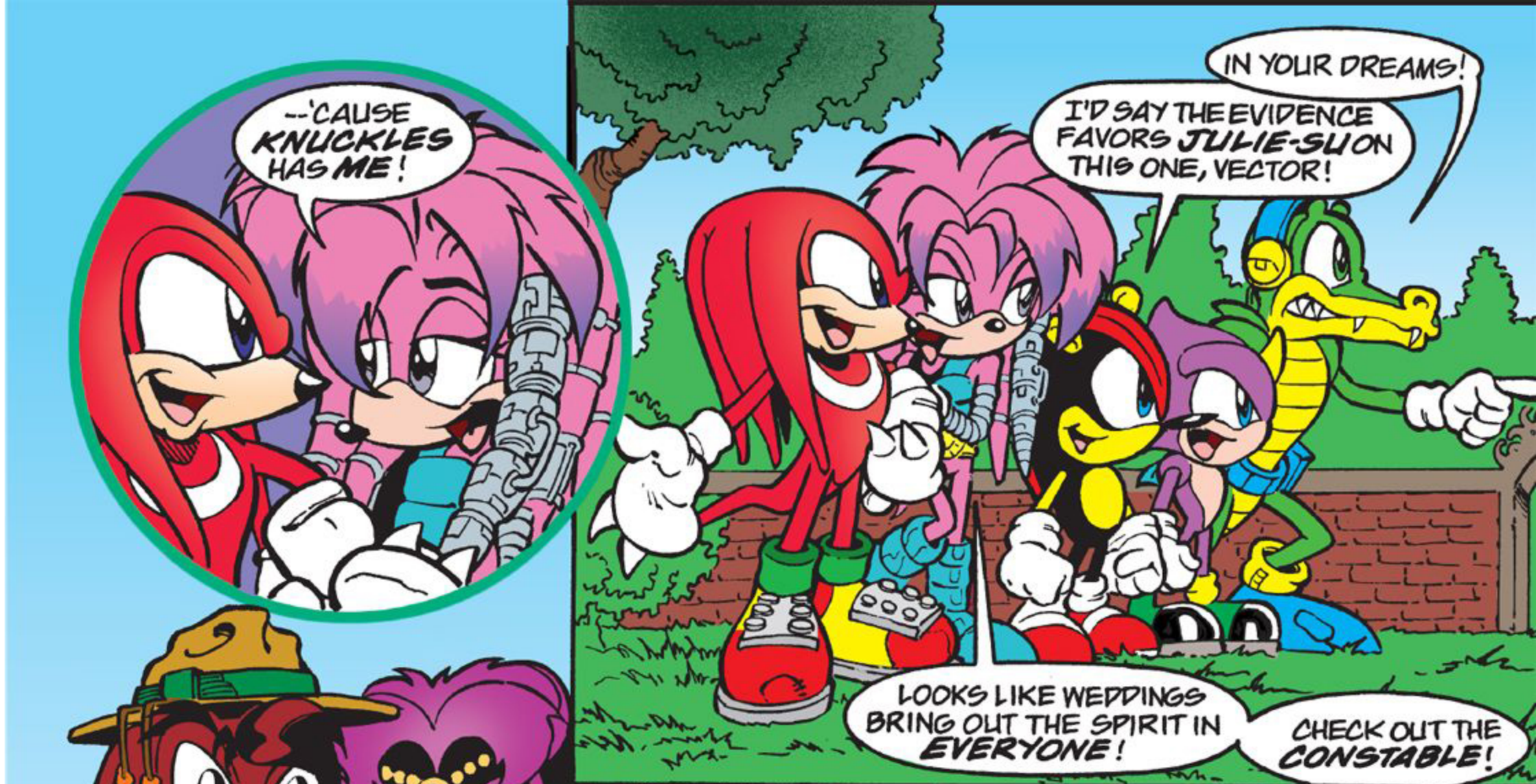
BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES

CHAPTER 1

DAD AND I WEREN'T WILD
OVER MOM REMARRYING,
BUT WYN WASN'T A BADGLY--







--'CAUSE **KNUCKLES** HAS ME!

IN YOUR DREAMS!
I'D SAY THE EVIDENCE FAVORS **JULIE-SLON** THIS ONE, VECTOR!

LOOKS LIKE WEDDINGS BRING OUT THE SPIRIT IN EVERYONE!

CHECK OUT THE **CONSTABLE!**



CONSTABLE REMINGTON! GREAT TO SEE YOU!

I WOULDN'T MISS THIS FOR ANYTHING, **GUARDIAN!**

ALLOW ME TO **INTRODUCE MY FRIEND, KOMI-KO!**



OH, **DRAT!** I TOLD THEM NOT TO **PAGE ME** UNLESS IT WAS **IMPORTANT!**

BEEP! BEEP! BEEP!



THIS IS **REMINGTON!** GO AHEAD!

SO, HOW DID YOU AND THE **CONSTABLE MEET, KOMI-KO?**



BLAST! IT DOESN'T TAKE MUCH TO MUCK UP A GOOD PARTY!

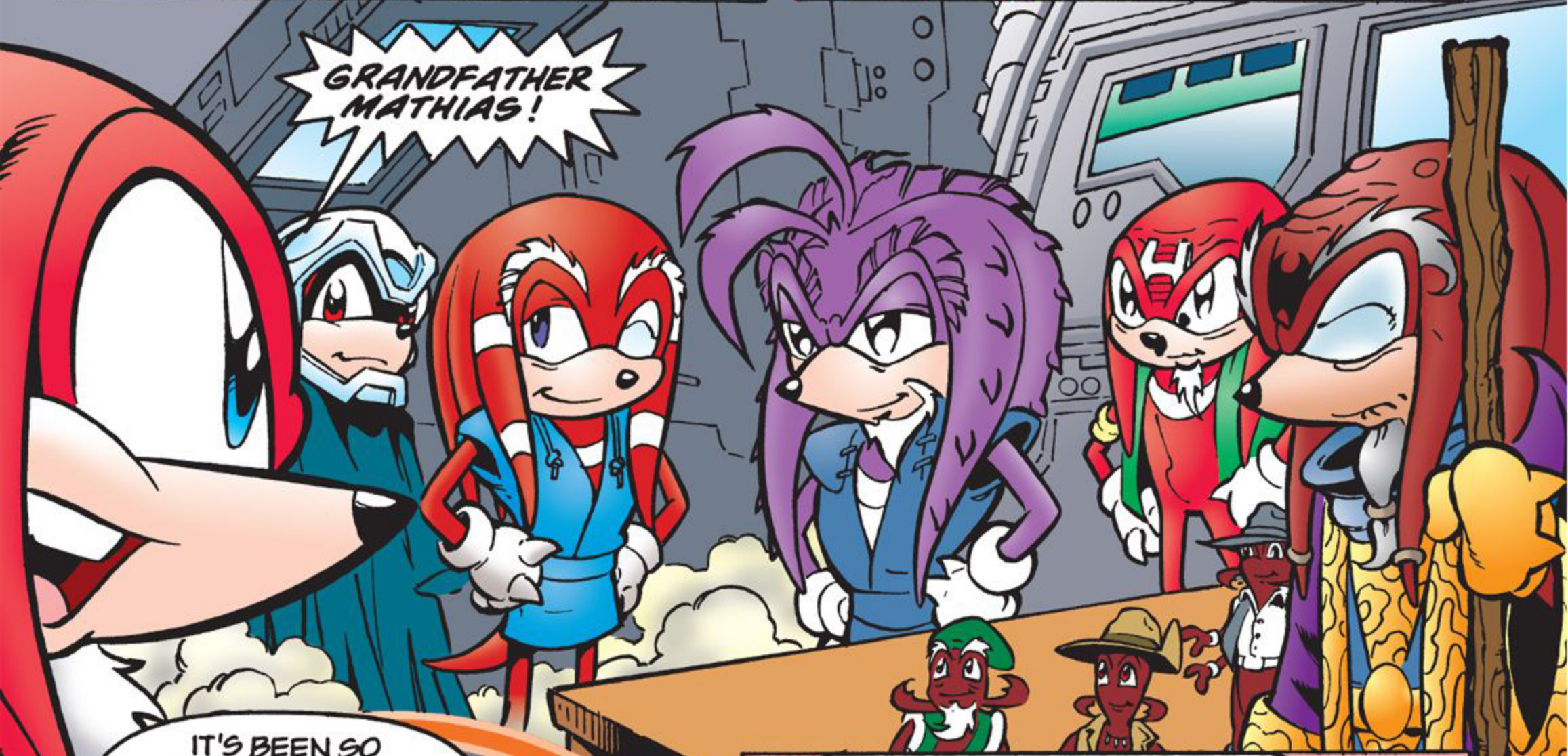
I'M SORRY, BUT I HAVE TO **GO!**

DO YOU **NEED ANY HELP?**

"I'LL SIGNAL IF I DO!"



GRANDFATHER MATHIAS!



IT'S BEEN SO LONG SINCE YOU WERE LAST HERE!

I HOPE I HAVEN'T KEPT YOU WAITING!

EVEN IF YOU HAD, THE CONCEPT OF TIME IS IRRELEVANT TO ONE SUCH AS I!

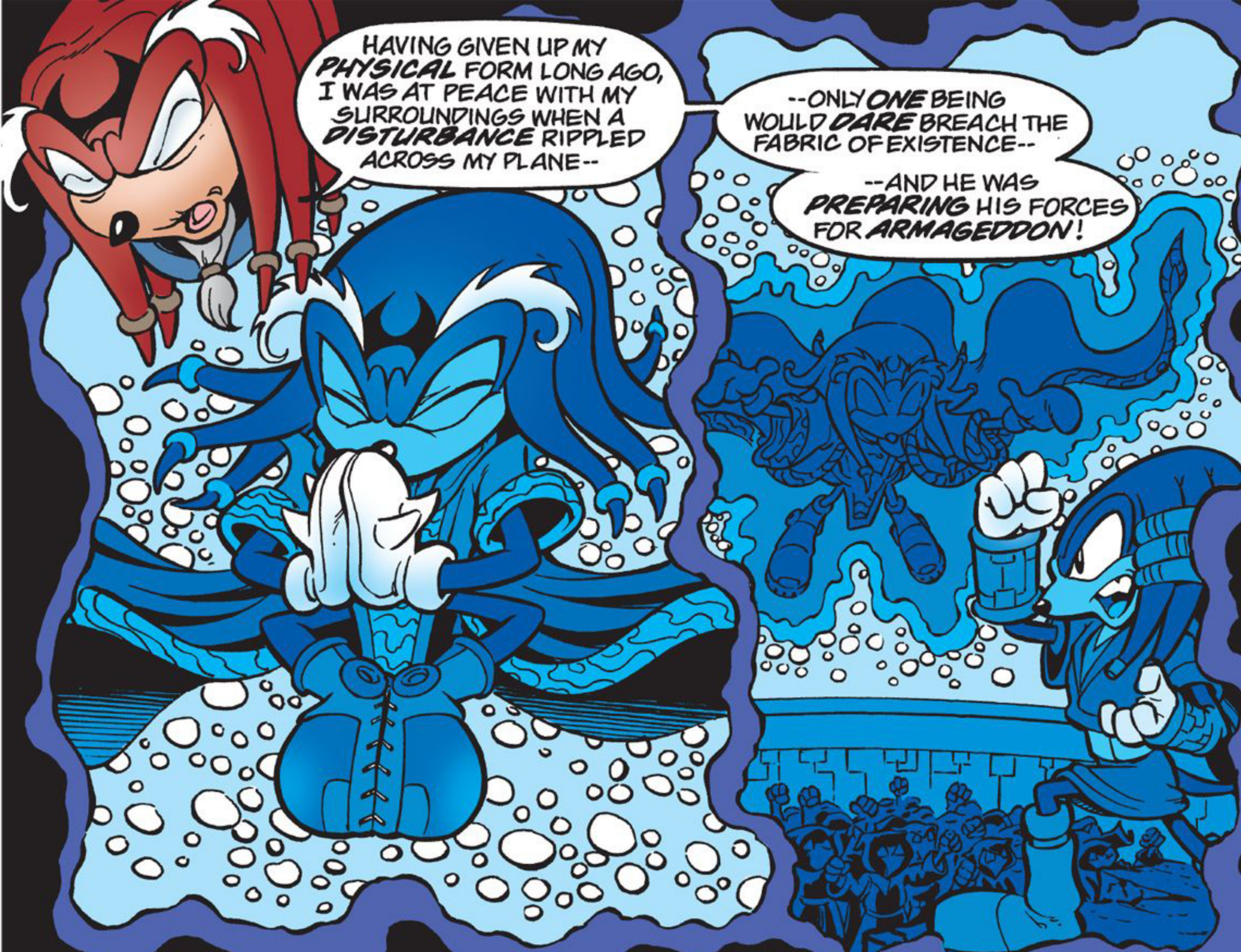
UNFORTUNATELY, THE SAME CAN'T BE SAID FOR THE REST OF YOU!



HAVING GIVEN UP MY PHYSICAL FORM LONG AGO, I WAS AT PEACE WITH MY SURROUNDINGS WHEN A DISTURBANCE RIPPLED ACROSS MY PLANE--

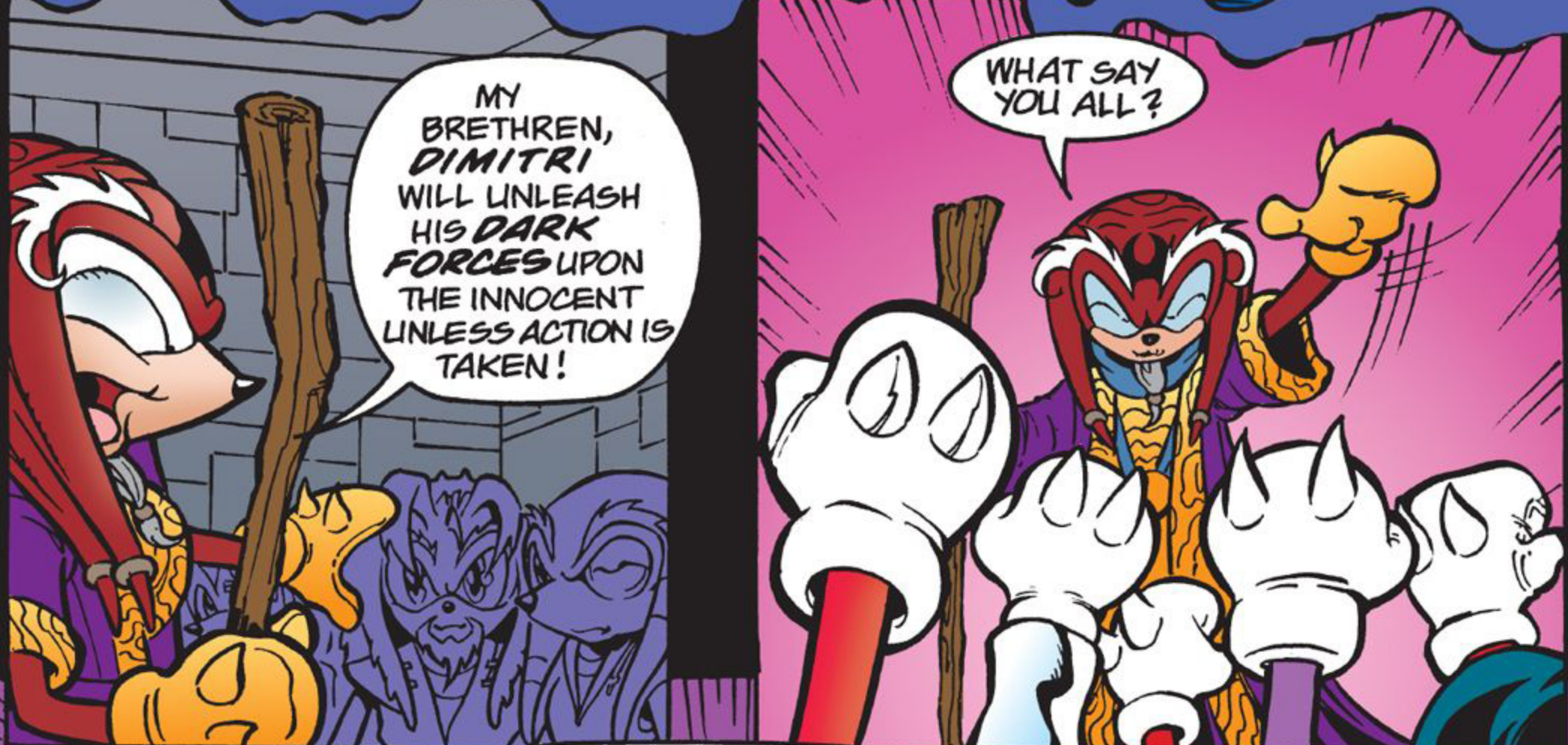
--ONLY ONE BEING WOULD DARE BREACH THE FABRIC OF EXISTENCE--

--AND HE WAS PREPARING HIS FORCES FOR ARMAGEDDON!



MY BRETHREN, DIMITRI WILL UNLEASH HIS DARK FORCES UPON THE INNOCENT UNLESS ACTION IS TAKEN!

WHAT SAY YOU ALL?



AYE!



BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES
CHAPTER 2

THIS IS THE LIFE, EH, GUYS?

SPEAK FOR YOURSELF, M'MAN!

CROCS WERE NOT MADE TO ROCK ON FOUR-LEGGED NAGS!

I PITY THE PASHA CARRYING YOU, VECTOR!
HER FEELINGS ARE PROBABLY MUTUAL!

I KNOW IT'S NOT LIKE WE DON'T DESERVE A BREAK EVERY NOW AND THEN, KNUCKLES--

--BUT DO YOU THINK WE *SHOULD* HAVE ASSISTED THE CONSTABLE?

HARD TO SAY, ESPY!

HE'LL GIVE A HOLLER IF HE HAS TO!

YOU ARE ENTITLED TO RELAX ONCE IN A BLUE MOON, Y'KNOW.

LEARN TO ENJOY LIFE A BIT,

EVEN IF IT KILLS YOUR TUCKUS?

ESPECIALLY IN YOUR CASE, VECTOR!

ON SECOND THOUGHT--

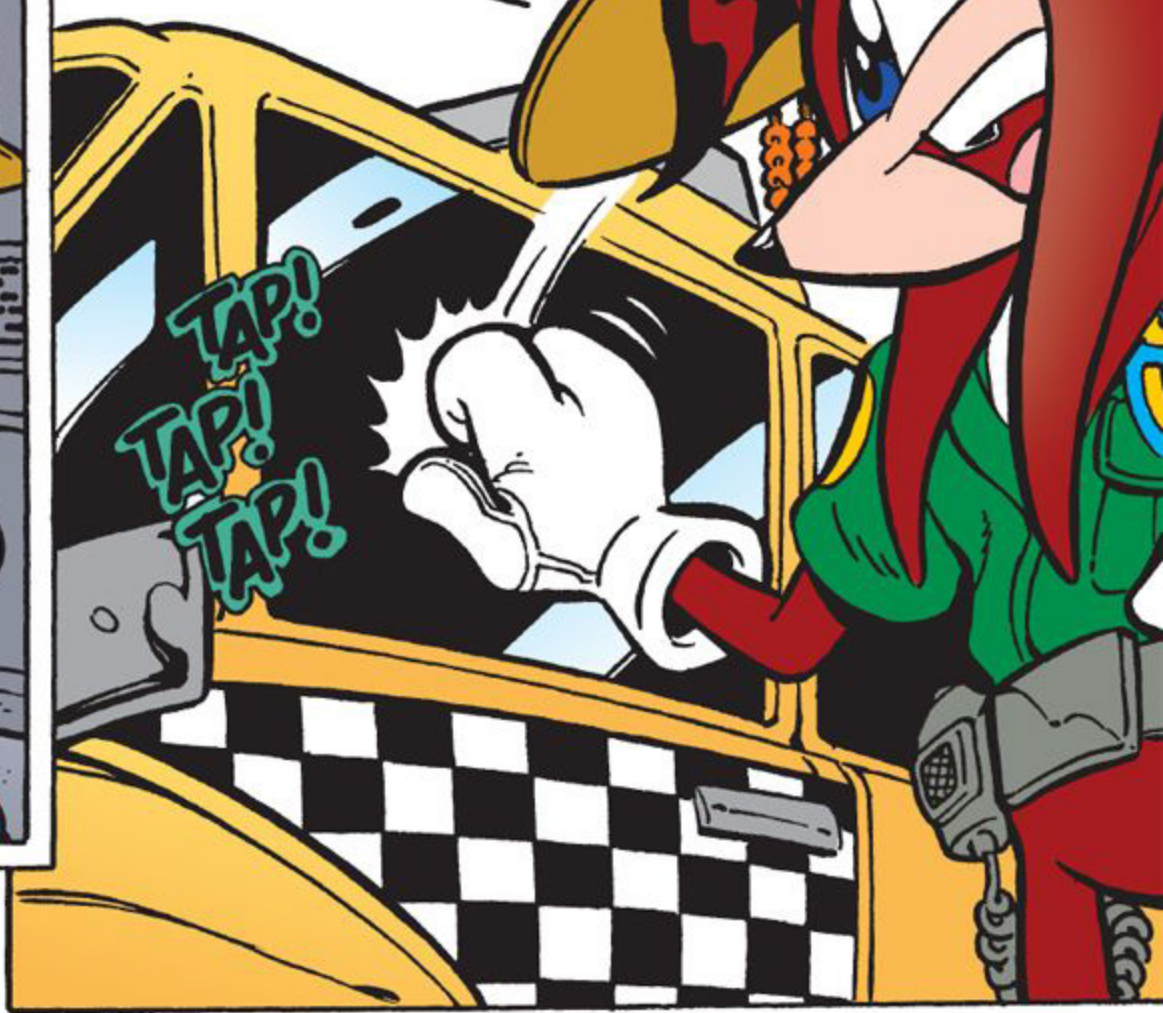


"--I SHOULD'VE STAYED IN THE CITY..."

I HOPE SO! TAKE CARE!

I'LL CALL YOU LATER!

≥sigh≤
DUTY CALLS ONCE AGAIN!
AND SINCE MISERY LOVES COMPANY--



TAP!
TAP!
TAP!



GO AWAY!

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SERVICE WITH A SMILE, HARRY?

YOU'RE NOT MY IDEA OF AN EASY FARE, REMINGTON!

A GUY COULD GET HURT HANGIN' WITH YOU!



NO HEROICS, HARRY! JUST TAKE ME TO THE STATION!

ARE YOU OUTTA YOUR MIND?!!

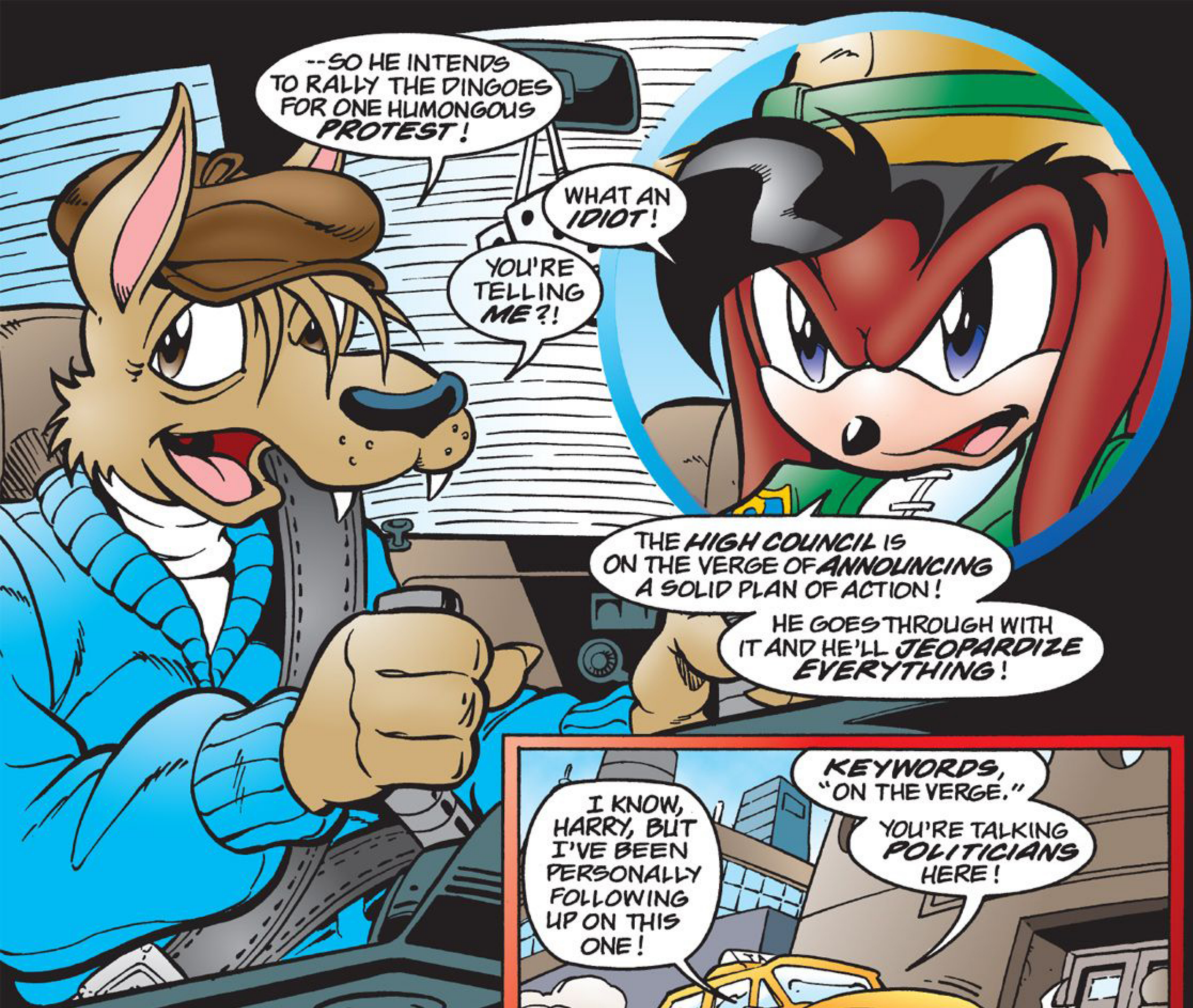


THAT'S ONE PLACE IT AIN'T HEALTHY TO GO NEAR!

REALLY! WHO SAID?

A LITTLE BIRDY!

VON STRYKER'S GOTTEN TIRED OF WAITIN' FOR THE HIGH ECHIDNA POOBAHS TO MAKE GOOD--



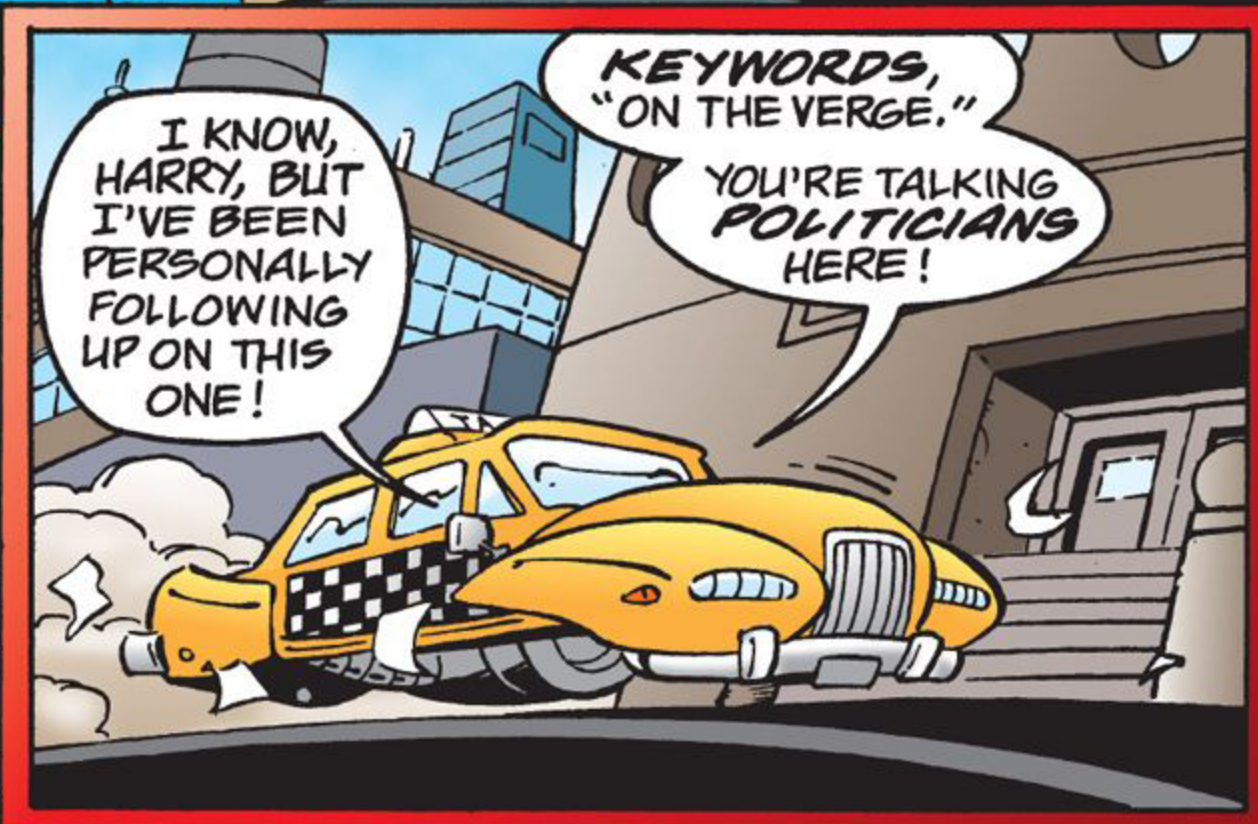
--SO HE INTENDS TO RALLY THE DINGOES FOR ONE HUMONGOUS PROTEST!

WHAT AN IDIOT!

YOU'RE TELLING ME?!

THE HIGH COUNCIL IS ON THE VERGE OF ANNOUNCING A SOLID PLAN OF ACTION!

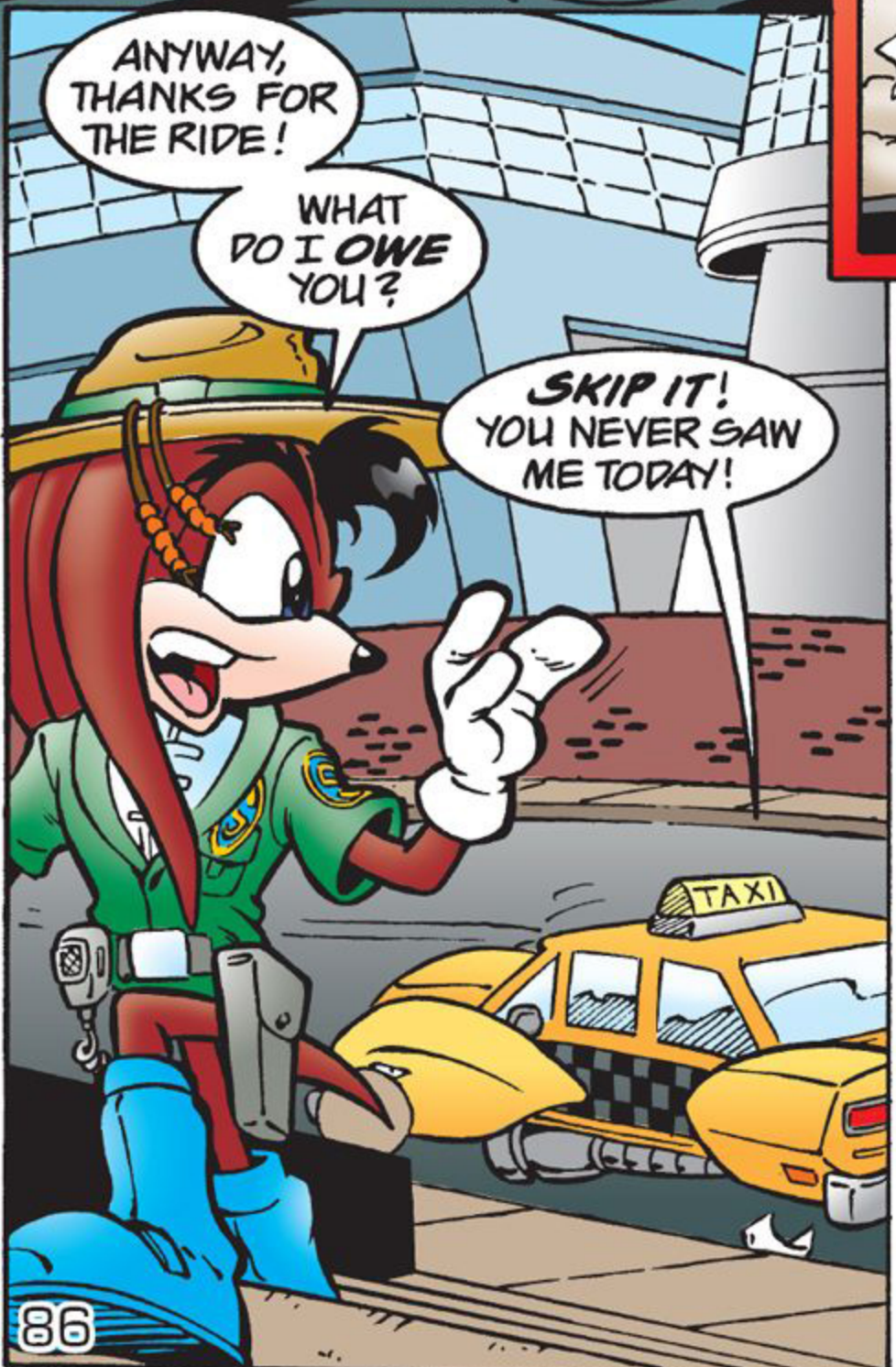
HE GOES THROUGH WITH IT AND HE'LL JEOPARDIZE EVERYTHING!



I KNOW, HARRY, BUT I'VE BEEN PERSONALLY FOLLOWING UP ON THIS ONE!

KEYWORDS, "ON THE VERGE."

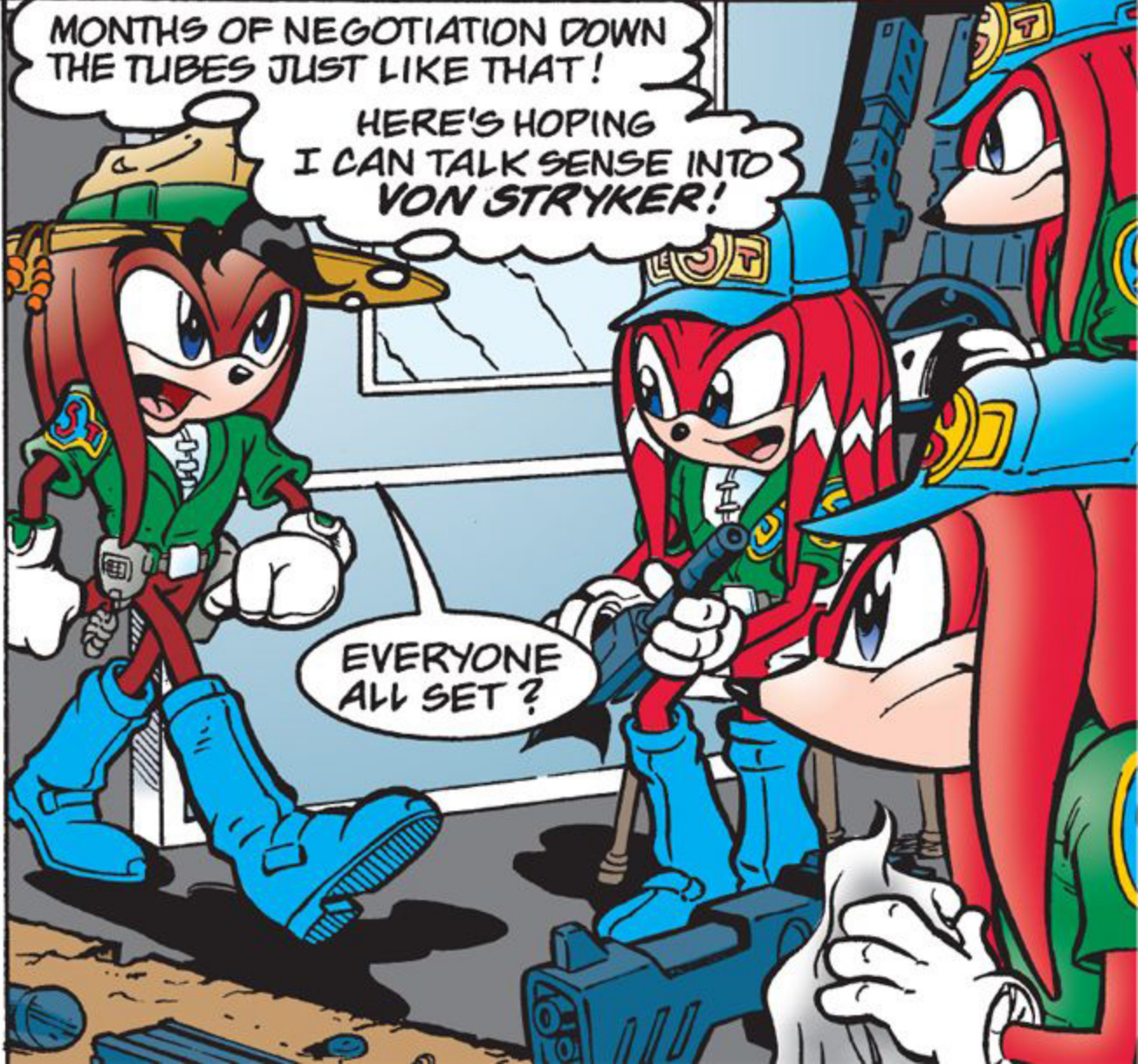
YOU'RE TALKING POLITICIANS HERE!



ANYWAY, THANKS FOR THE RIDE!

WHAT DO I OWE YOU?

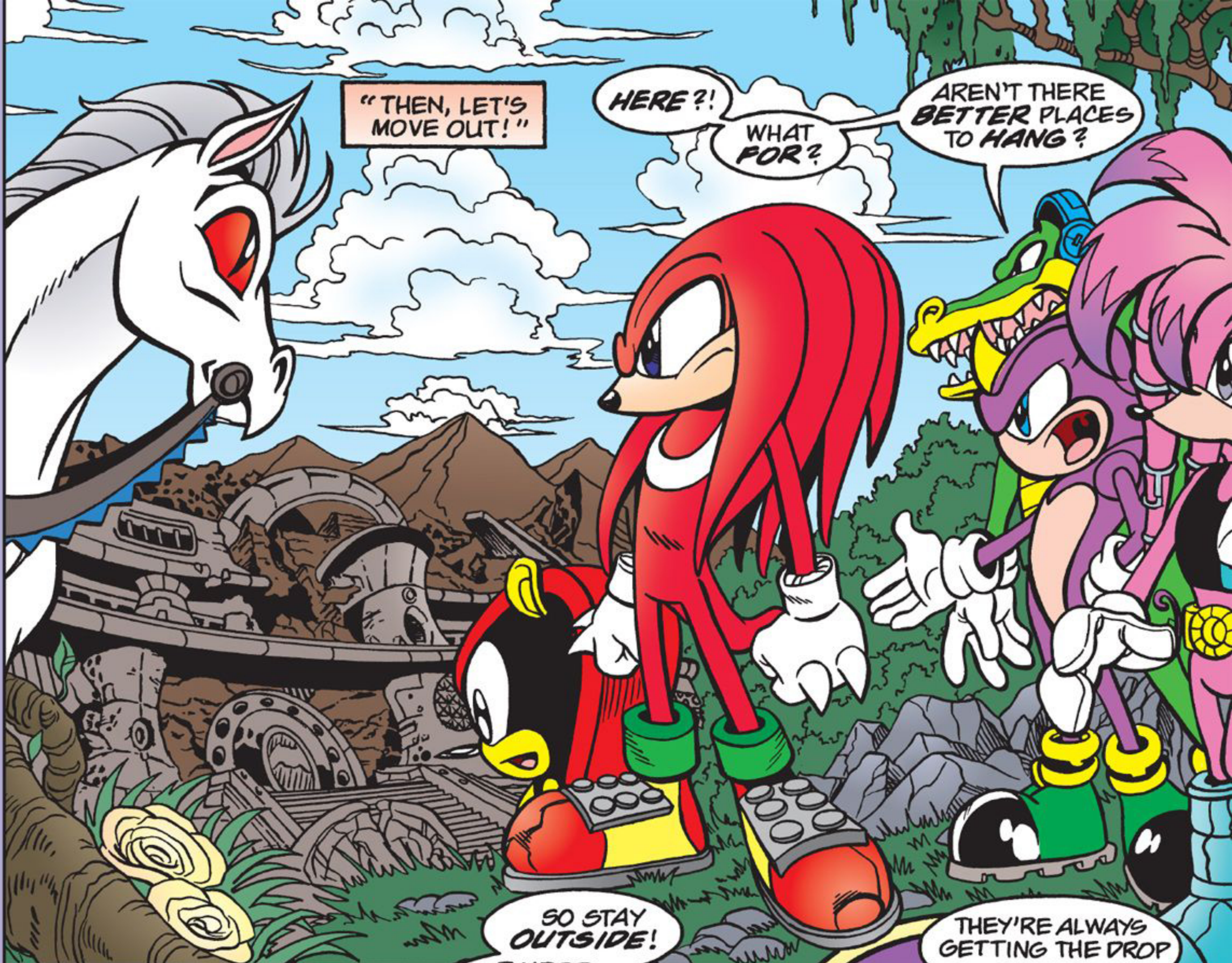
SKIP IT! YOU NEVER SAW ME TODAY!



MONTHS OF NEGOTIATION DOWN THE TUBES JUST LIKE THAT!

HERE'S HOPING I CAN TALK SENSE INTO VON STRYKER!

EVERYONE ALL SET?



"THEN, LET'S MOVE OUT!"

HERE?!

WHAT FOR?

AREN'T THERE BETTER PLACES TO HANG?



YOU THINK WE'LL FIND DIMITRI'S BULLY BOYS IN THERE?

I NEED TO CHECK OUT SOMETHING!

THEY'RE ALWAYS GETTING THE DROP ON US!

I'D LIKE TO SEE IF I CAN RETURN THE FAVOR!



THEN AGAIN, I THOUGHT THE SAME THING UNTIL I DISCOVERED MY STEP-FATHER WHO DISAPPEARED SOON AFTERWARD.*



YEAH, WELL--

--WE WON'T LEARN A THING TWIDDLING OUR THUMBS OUT HERE!

*CHECK OUT THE JULIE-SU STORY IN SONIC SELECT BOOK 5 FOR THE FULL SCOOP!---EDITOR

"C'MON!"

THEY'RE **HERE?! AT THE GRAND CONSERVATORY?!**

WHAT BETTER A **HIDING PLACE** THAN WHERE WE STORED OUR **RENOUNCED TECHNOLOGY?**

HIGHLY APPROPRIATE, IN A **WARPED KIND OF WAY!**

DIMITRI WAS ALWAYS ONE TO GO AGAINST AUTHORITY!

IT'S TIME HE WERE TAKEN DOWN A PEG!

HOLD IT RIGHT THERE, BUD!

TAKE ONE MORE MOVE AND IT'LL BE YOUR LAST!

BAAM!

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO YOU'RE DEALING WITH HERE?

THAT IDIOT SPECTRE! HE'S MAKING IT PERSONAL!

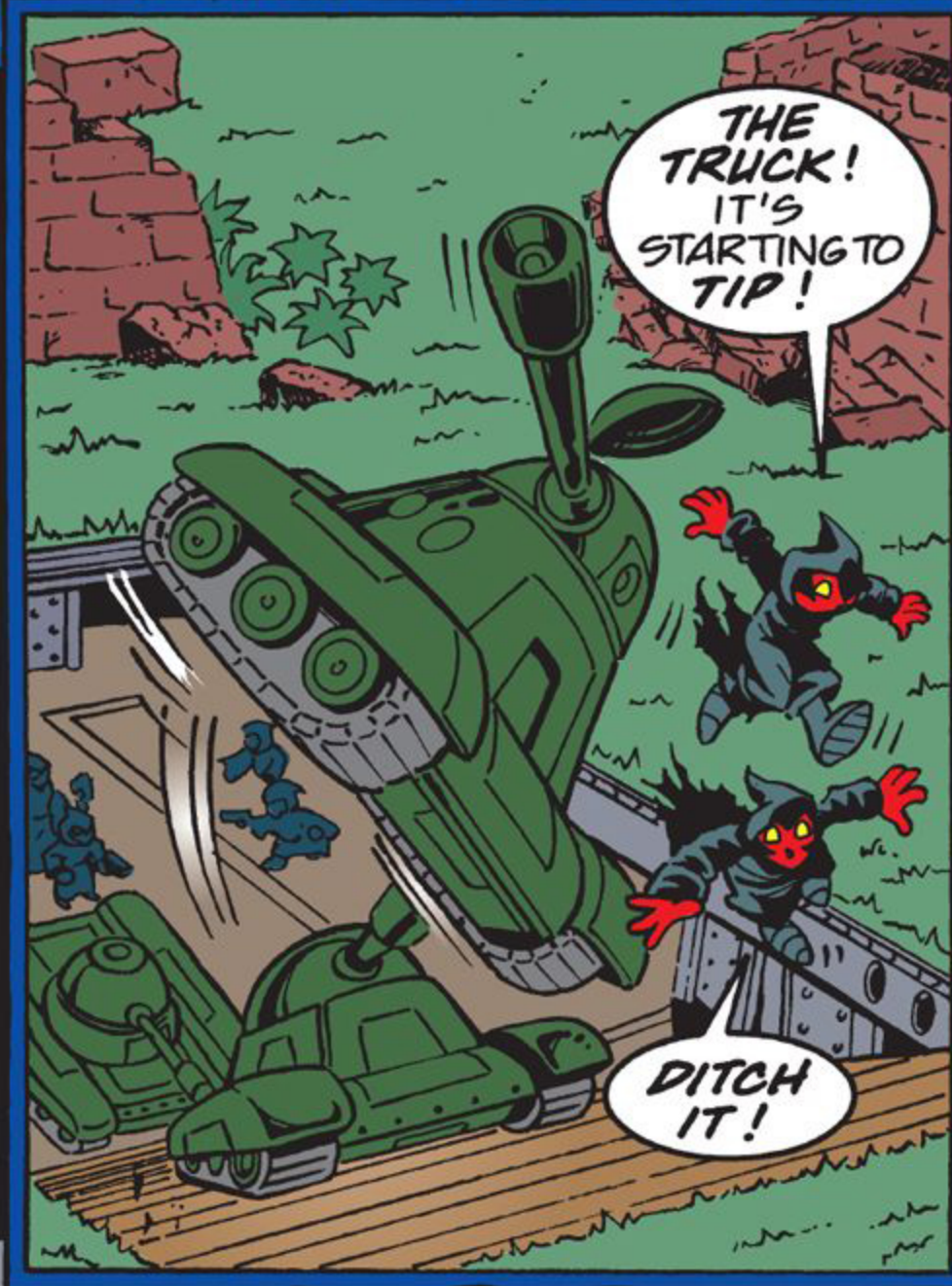
MOBILIS TO SOJOURNER--WHAT A NEWS BULLETIN THAT WAS!

HIS MOTIVES ARE INCONSEQUENTIAL!

WHAT MATTERS IS WE STAY UNITED TO THE TASK AT HAND!

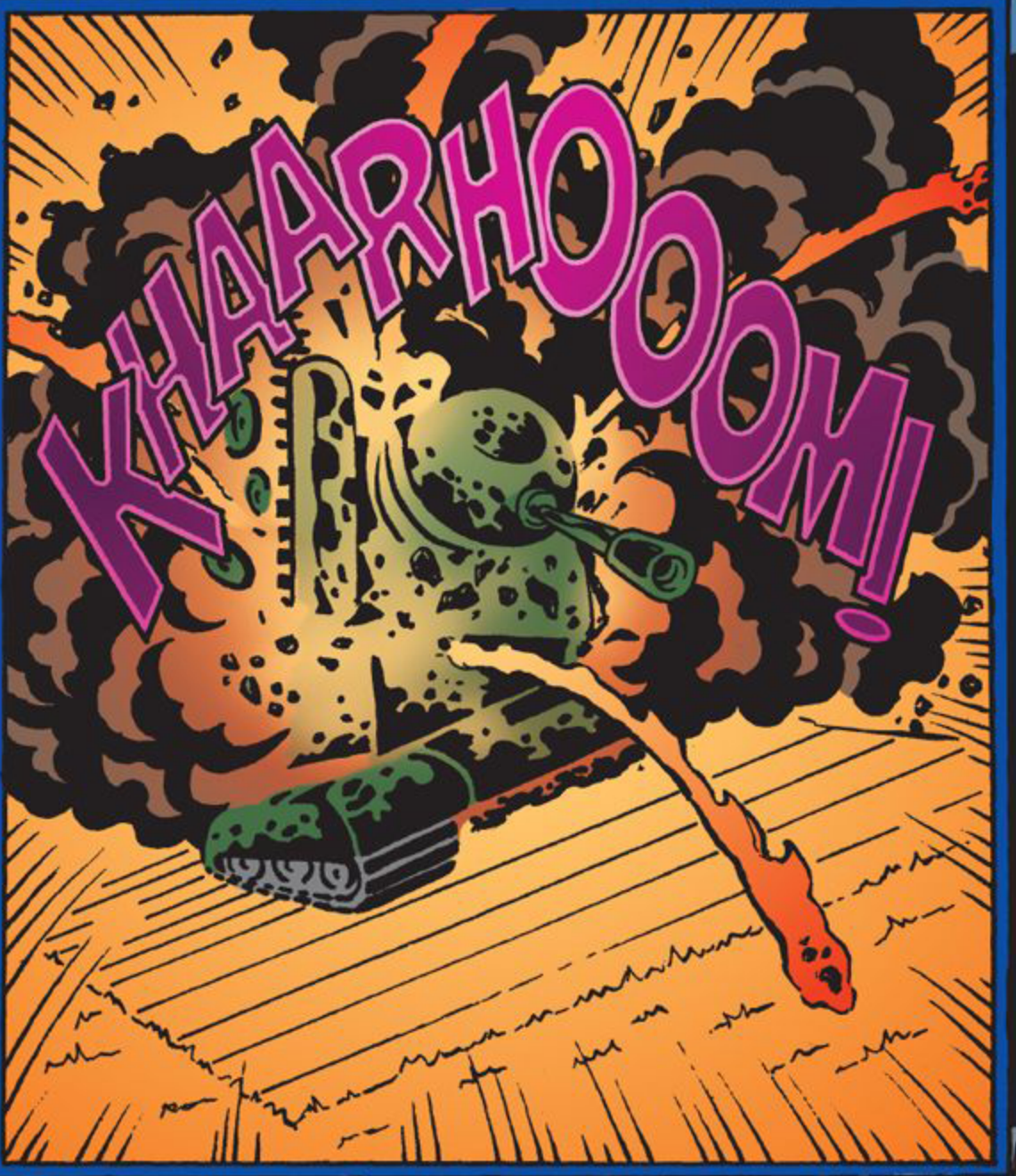


NOW--
JOIN!



THE
TRUCK!
IT'S
STARTING TO
TIP!

DITCH
IT!



KHAARHOOM!



EVERYONE OUT!
MAKE FOR THE EMERGENCY
EXITS!

"ETA IS NOW
FOUR MINUTES--"

"--WE HAVE ALL THE TIME IN THE WORLD!"

SINCE THE **TREACHEROUS ECHIDNA** REFUSE TO TAKE US **SERIOUSLY--**

--WE'LL GIVE THEM **MORE** THAN ENOUGH REASONS BEFORE WE'RE THROUGH!

EVERYONE SET? THEN, LET'S **MOVE OUT!**

WHAT ABOUT **REMINGTON?**

HE **HAD HIS CHANCE--**

--**BESIDES, HE'S MERELY A HIRED FLUNKY!**

SAFETY'S OFF!

UPON MY **COMMAND--**



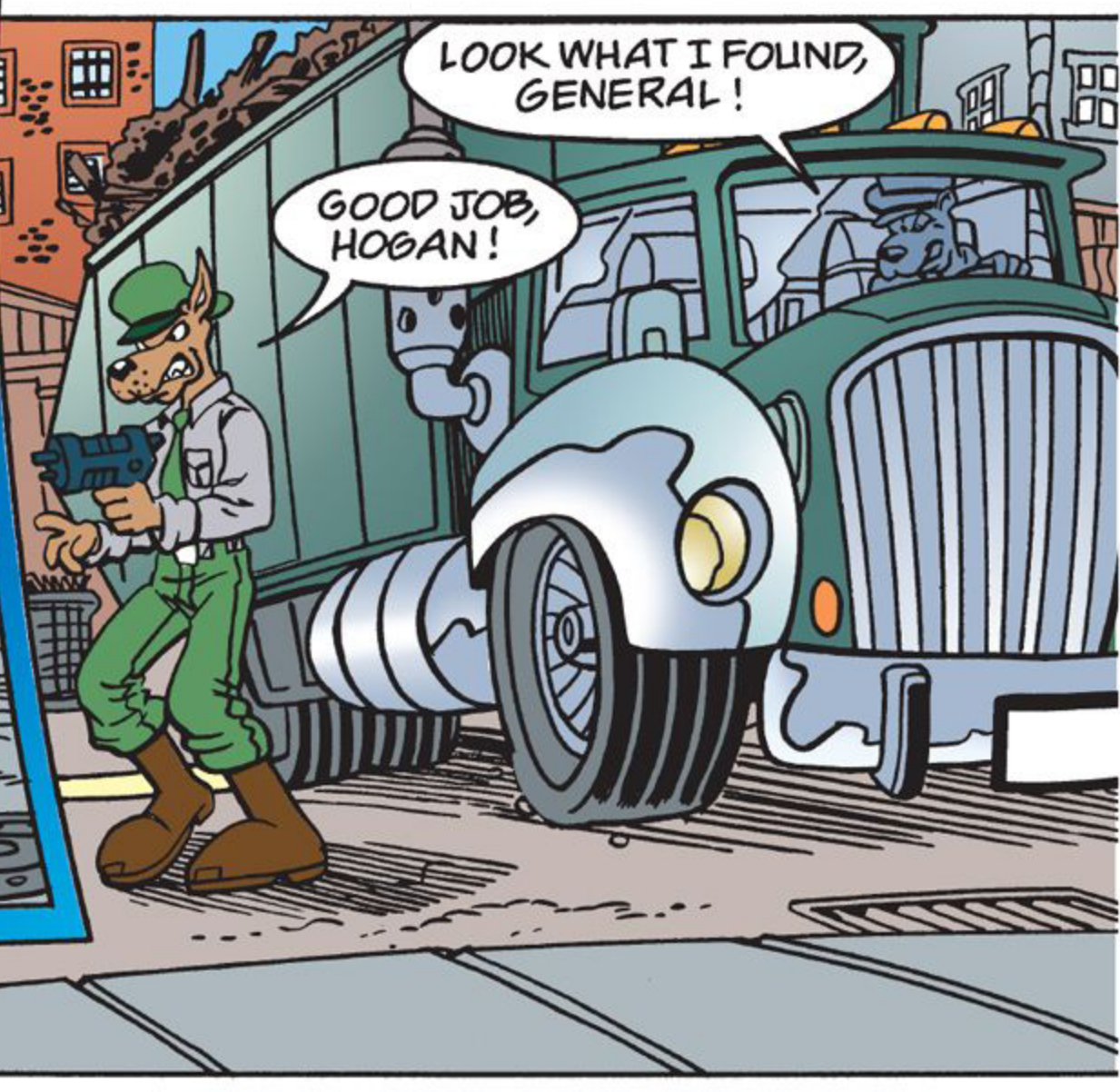
--ATTACK!



NO PROBLEM!

TAKE A JUMP, MATE!

THEY DON'T PAY ME ENOUGH TO RISK MY NECK!



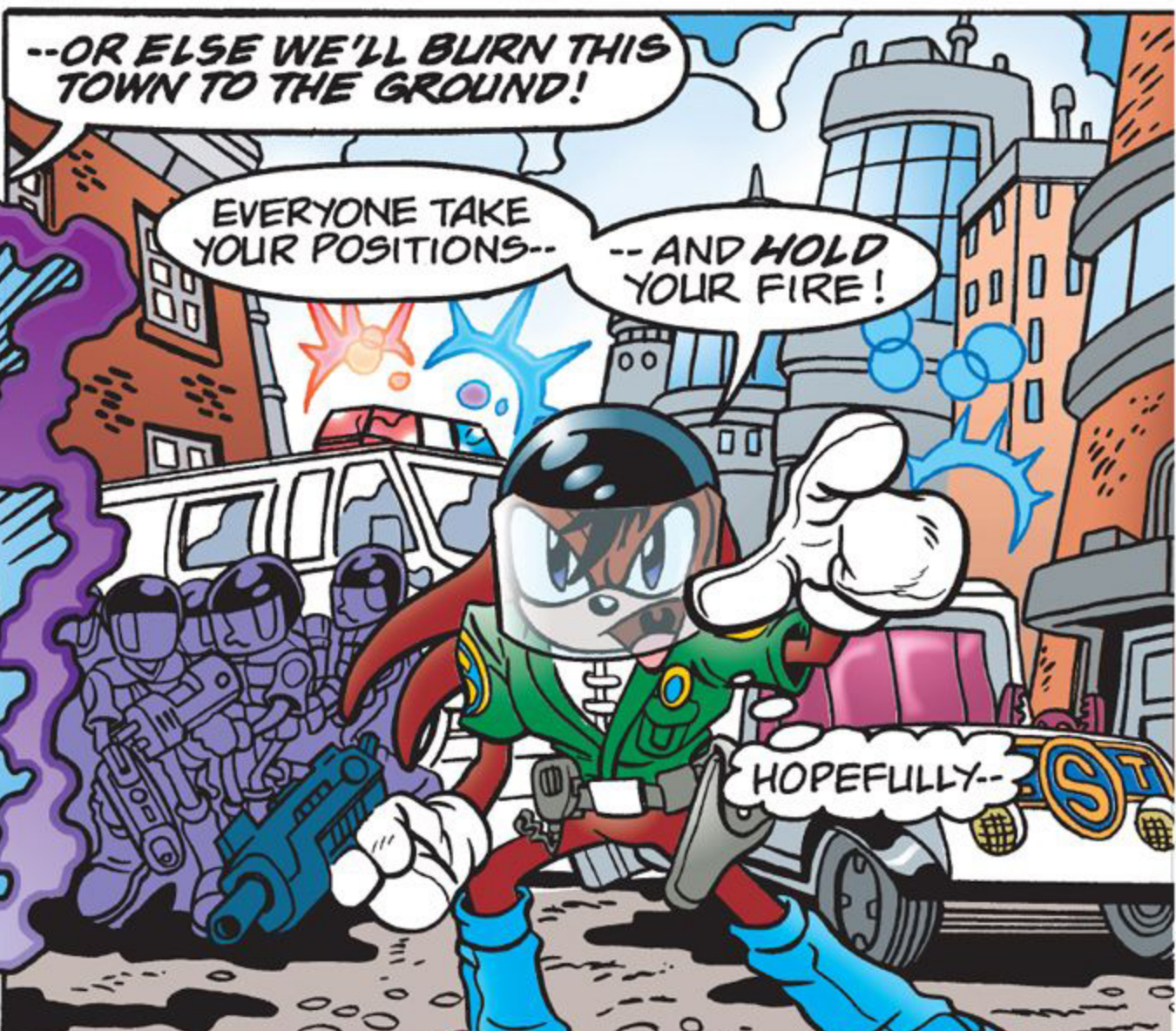
GOOD JOB, HOGAN!

LOOK WHAT I FOUND, GENERAL!



NOW HEAR THIS!!

WE'RE TIRED OF WAITING ANYMORE!!



--OR ELSE WE'LL BURN THIS TOWN TO THE GROUND!

EVERYONE TAKE YOUR POSITIONS--

--AND HOLD YOUR FIRE!

HOPEFULLY--

"---I CAN CONVINCE VON STRYKER TO COME TO HIS SENSES!"

WHAT EXACTLY ARE YOU LOOKING FOR?

I'M NOT SURE--



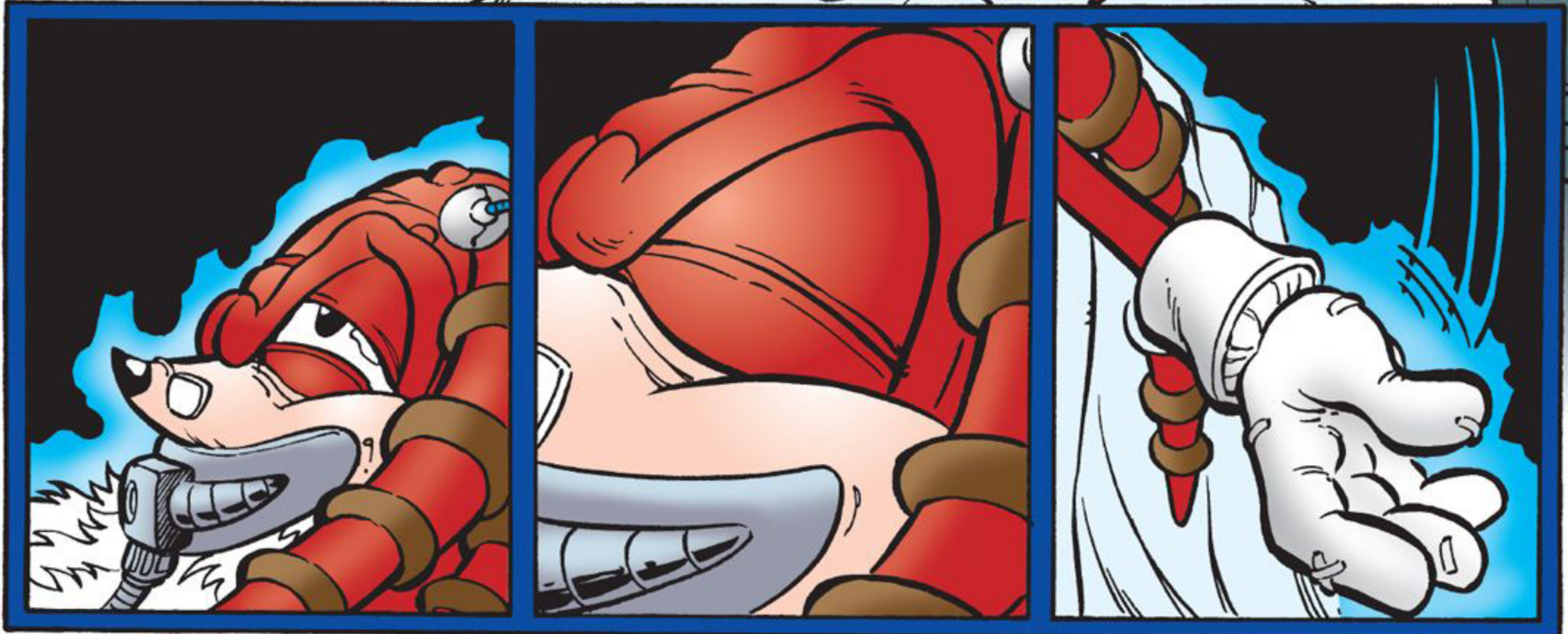
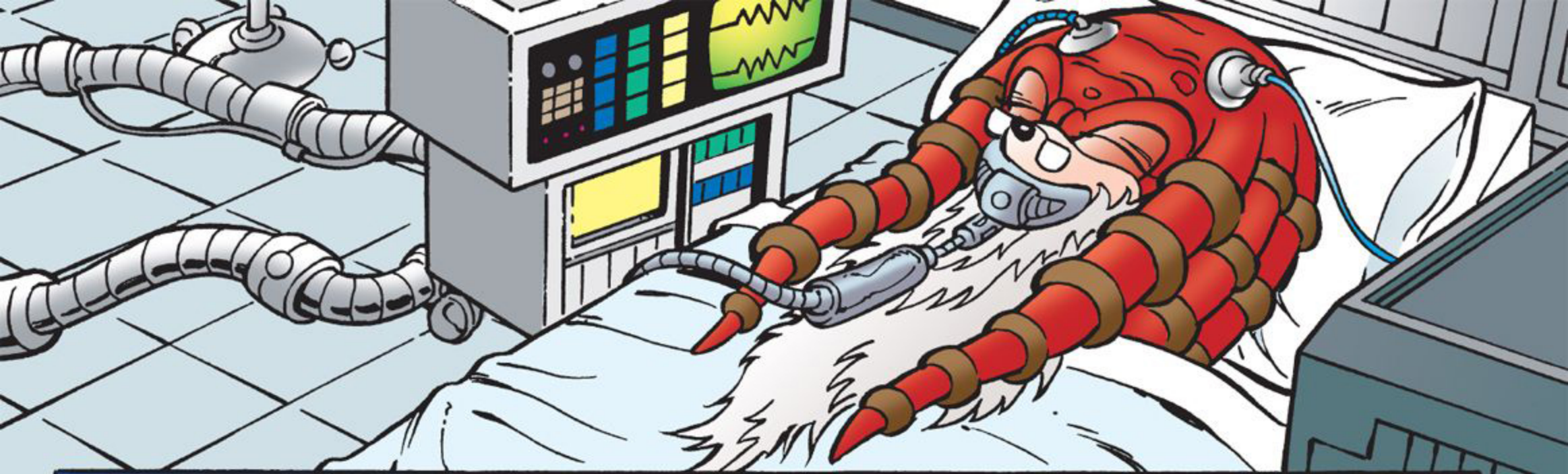
JULIE-SU!!

SAY, KNUX, I KNEW COMING HERE WASN'T SUCH A GREAT IDEA!

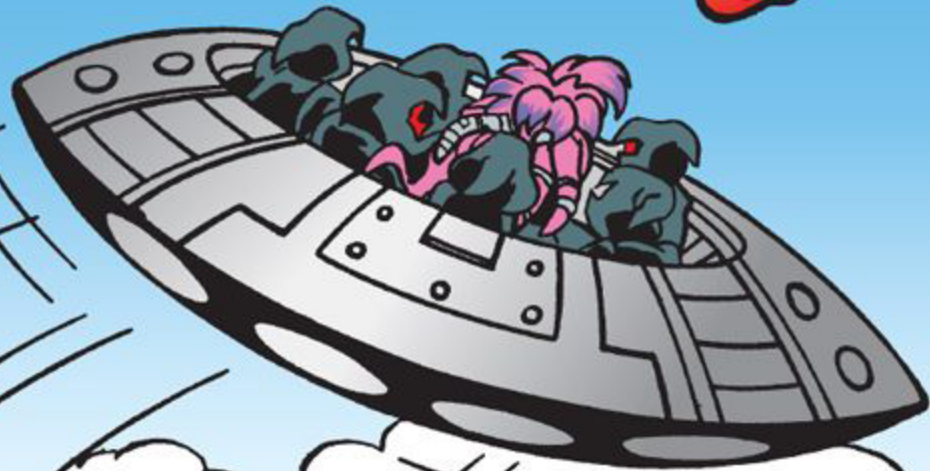
CAN IT, VECTOR!

RIGHT NOW WE **BUST** SOME HEADS--

"---AND GET JULIE-SU!"



BEST of times
WORST OF TIMES
CHAPTER 4



I SHOULD HAVE ORDERED HER TERMINATION WHILE I STILL HAD THE CHANCE!



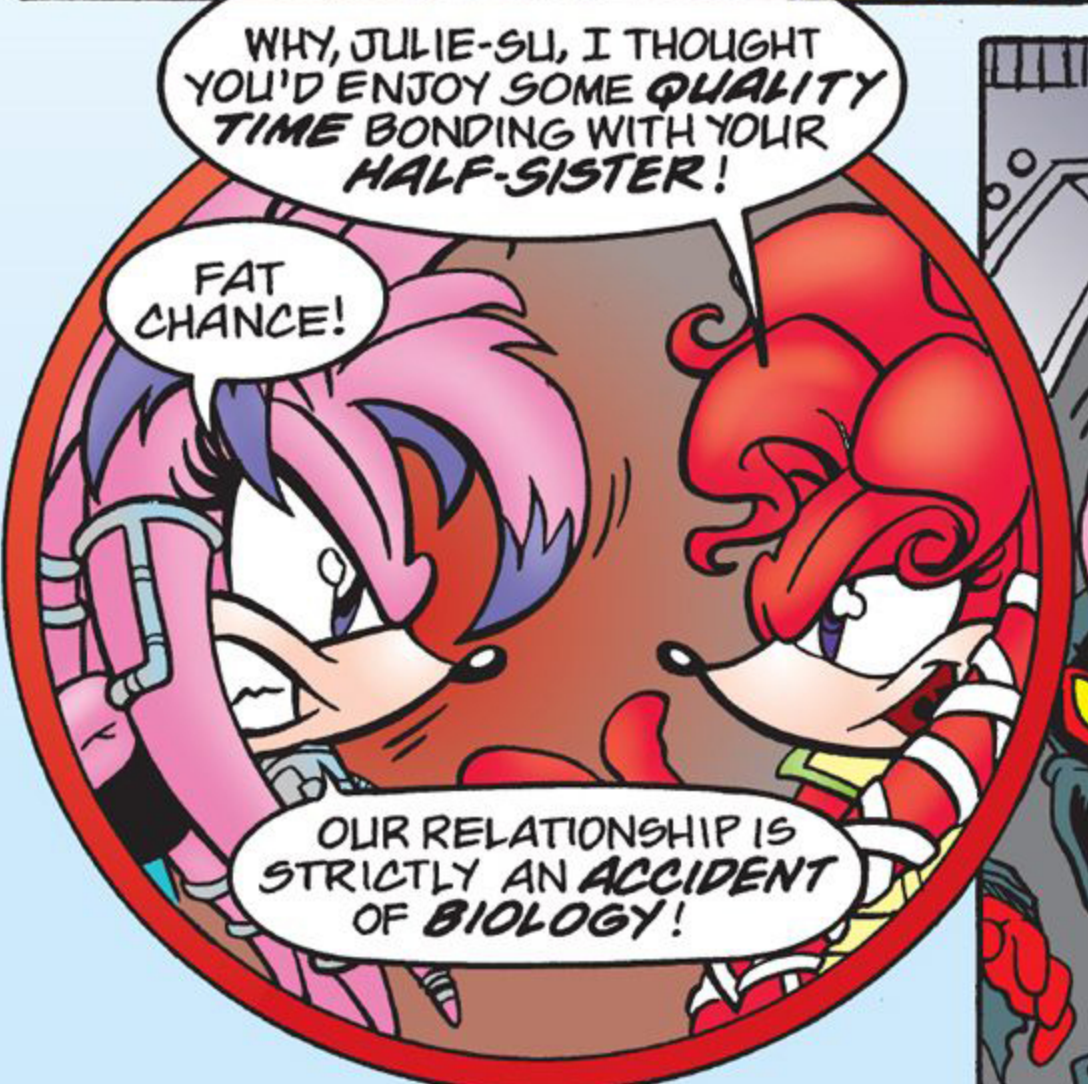
STILL, NO SENSE IN NOT HAVING A LITTLE PLEASURE AT HER EXPENSE!



WELCOME BACK, JULIE-SU!

YOU WITCH!!!

LET ME GO!



WHY, JULIE-SU, I THOUGHT YOU'D ENJOY SOME QUALITY TIME BONDING WITH YOUR HALF-SISTER!

FAT CHANCE!

OUR RELATIONSHIP IS STRICTLY AN ACCIDENT OF BIOLOGY!



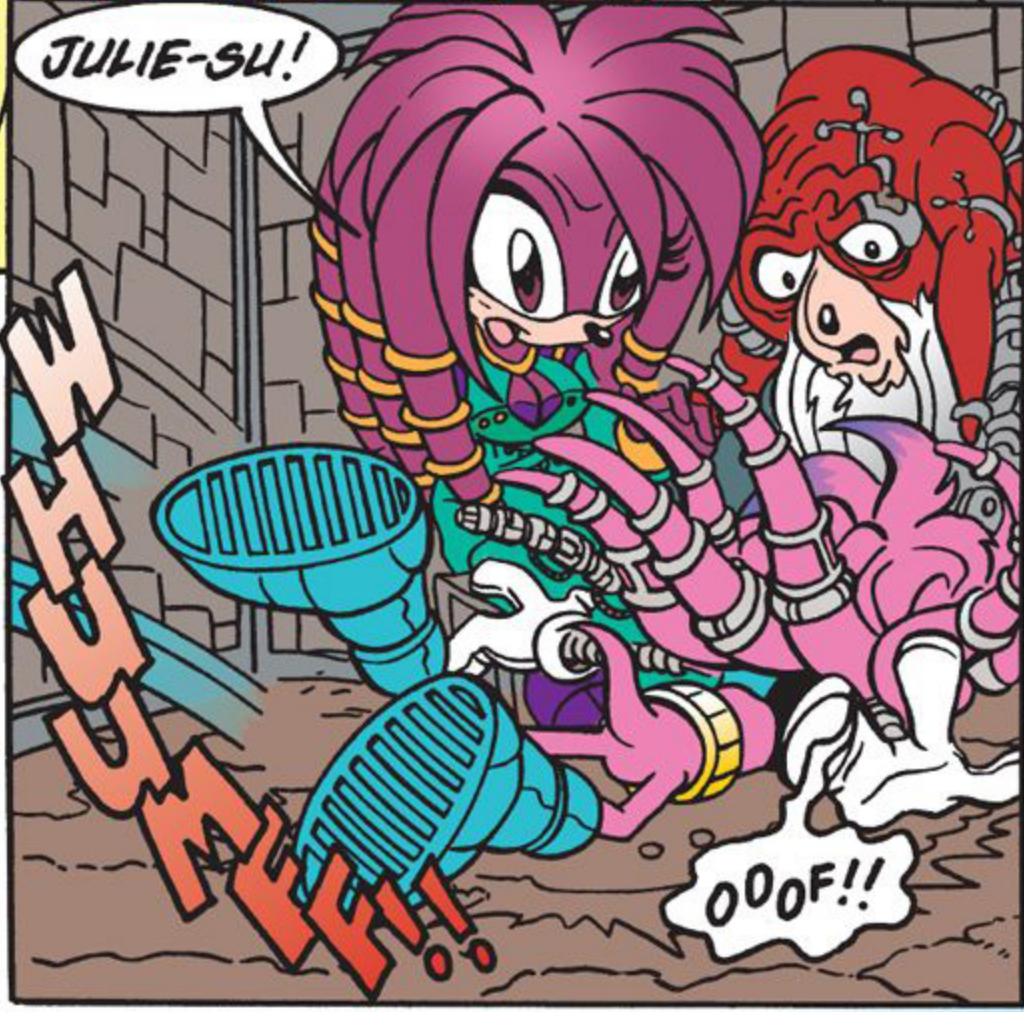
ON THAT, I'LL AGREE WITH YOU!

WHATEVER WAS FATHER THINKING--



--WHEN HE MARRIED THAT *HALF-WIT* THAT GAVE BIRTH TO YOU!

THROW HER *INSIDE* WITH THE REST OF THE *GARBAGE*!



JULIE-SU!

OOOF!!



AT LEAST YOU'RE *SAFE* AND *SOUND*, HONEY!

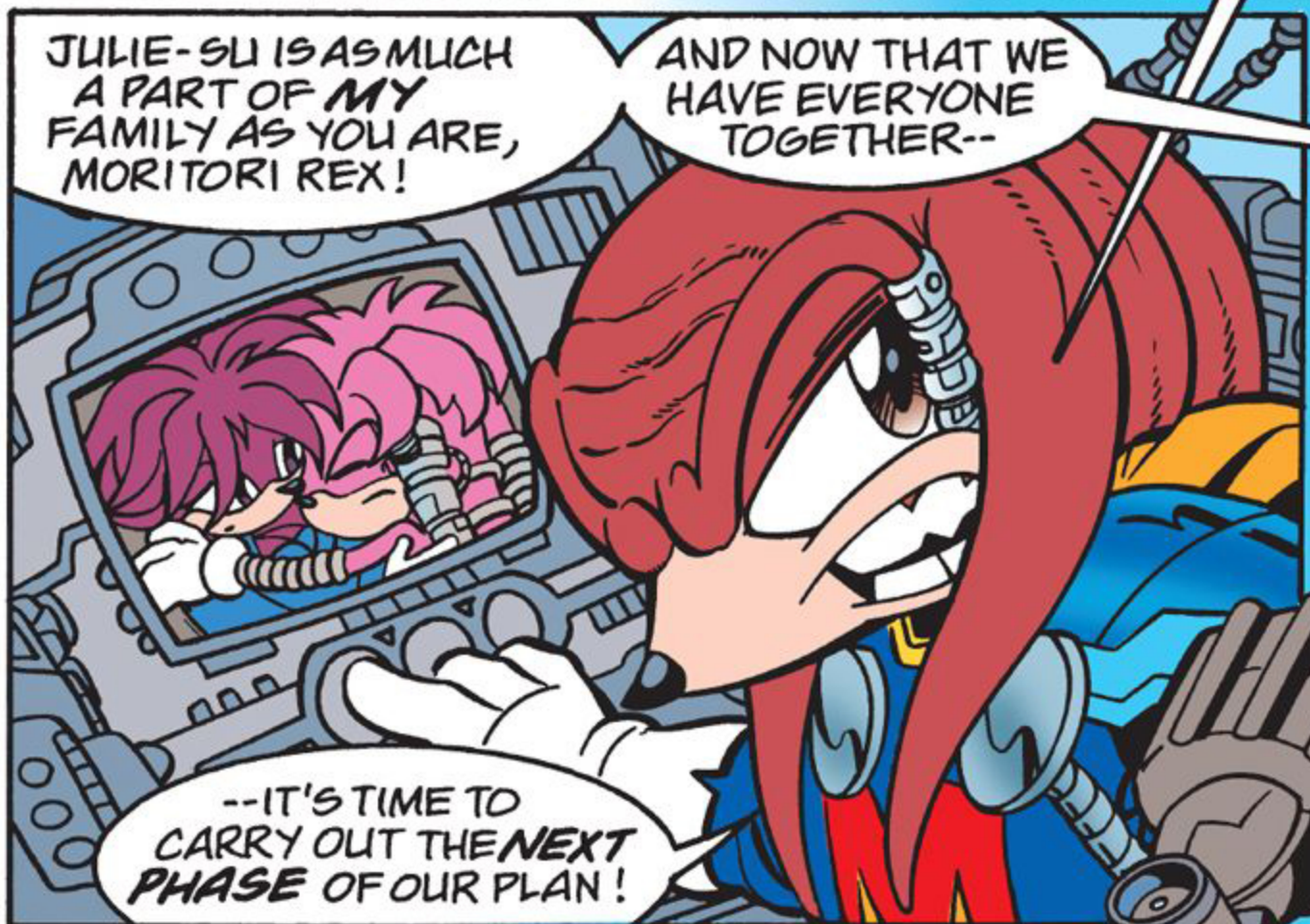
I WAS SO *AFRAID* THEY'D DO *WORSE*!



WHO SAYS WE *WON'T*?

YOU'D BETTER PRAY I'M NOT THE ONE WHO GETS TO DECIDE YOUR FATE!

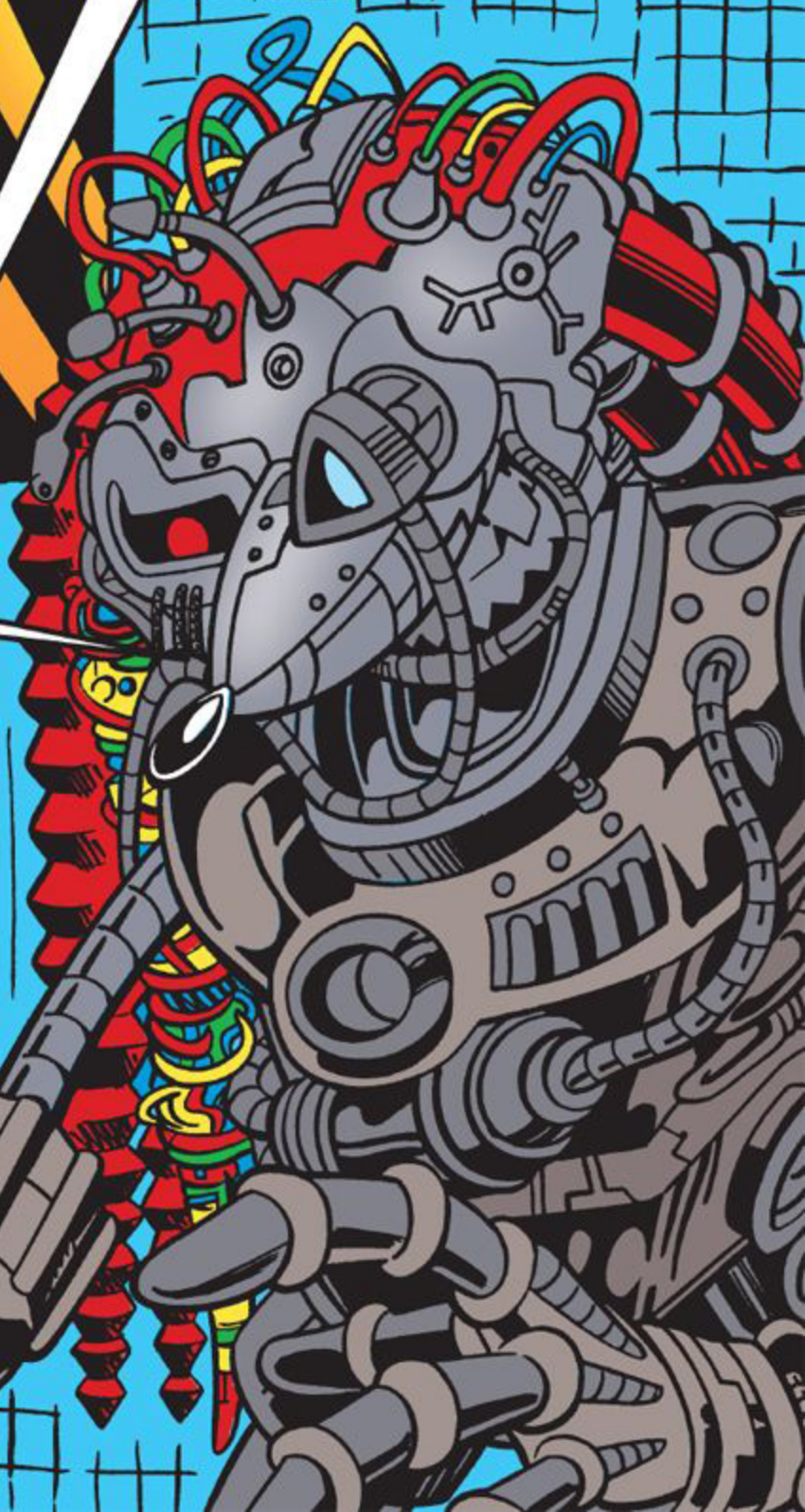
I STILL SAY WE SHOULD HAVE *LEFT* HER BACK ON THE *ISLAND*!



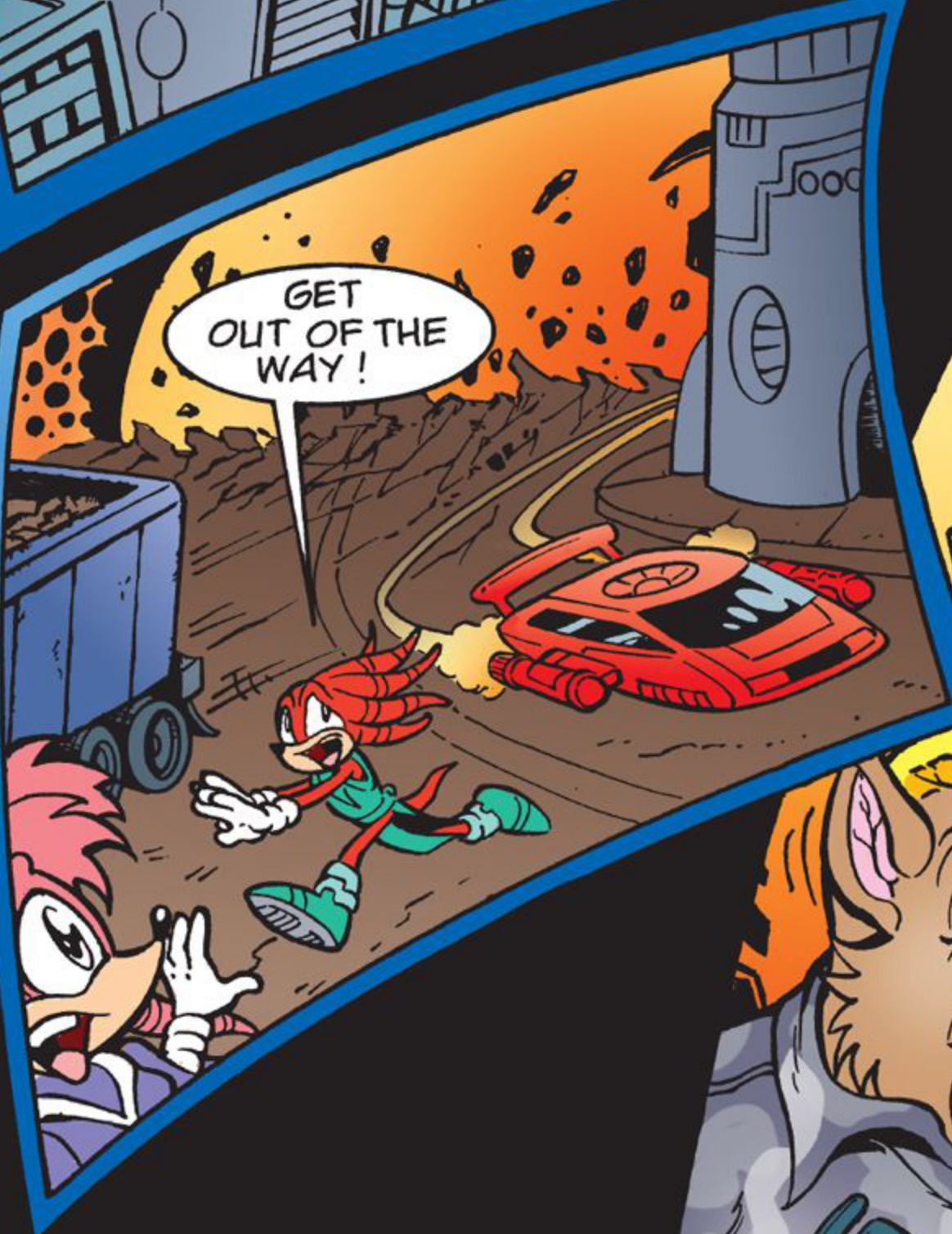
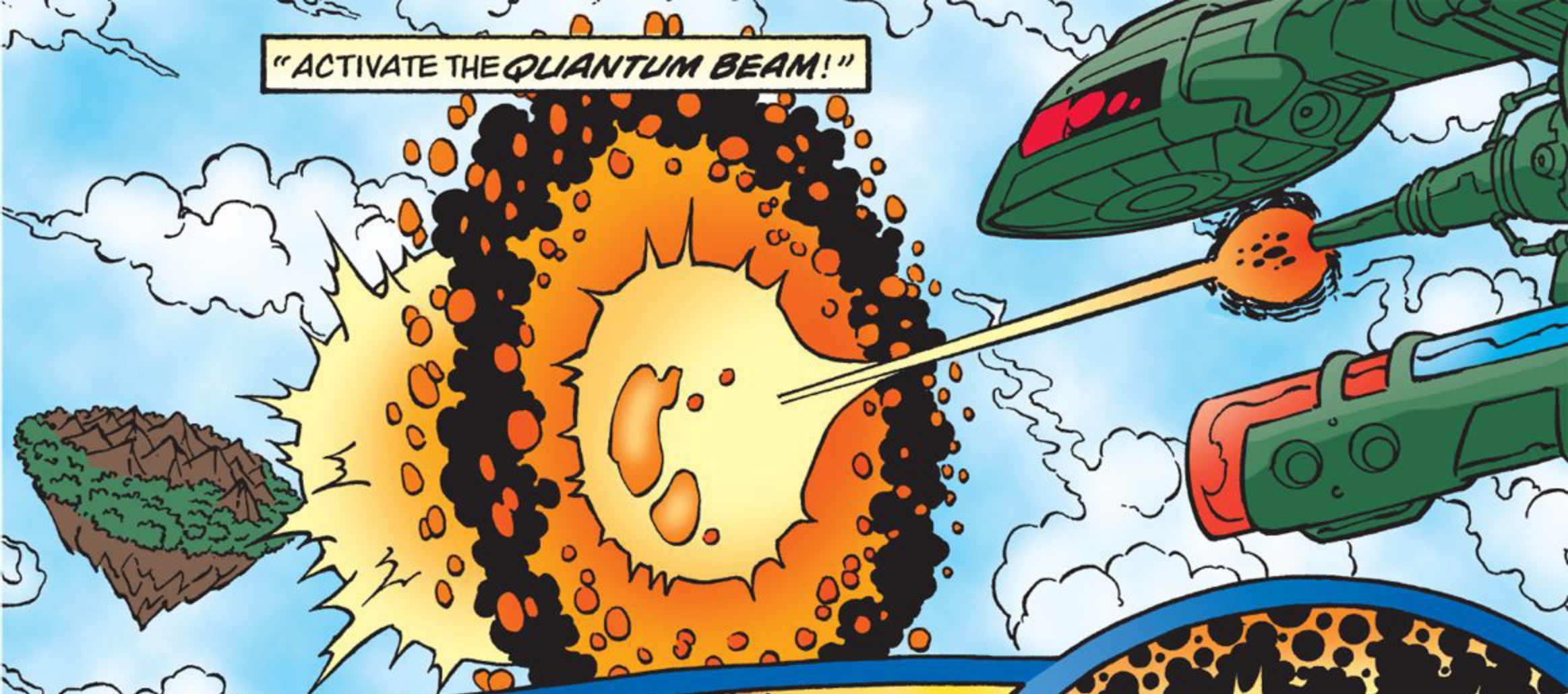
JULIE-SU IS AS MUCH A PART OF *MY* FAMILY AS YOU ARE, MORITORI REX!

AND NOW THAT WE HAVE EVERYONE TOGETHER--

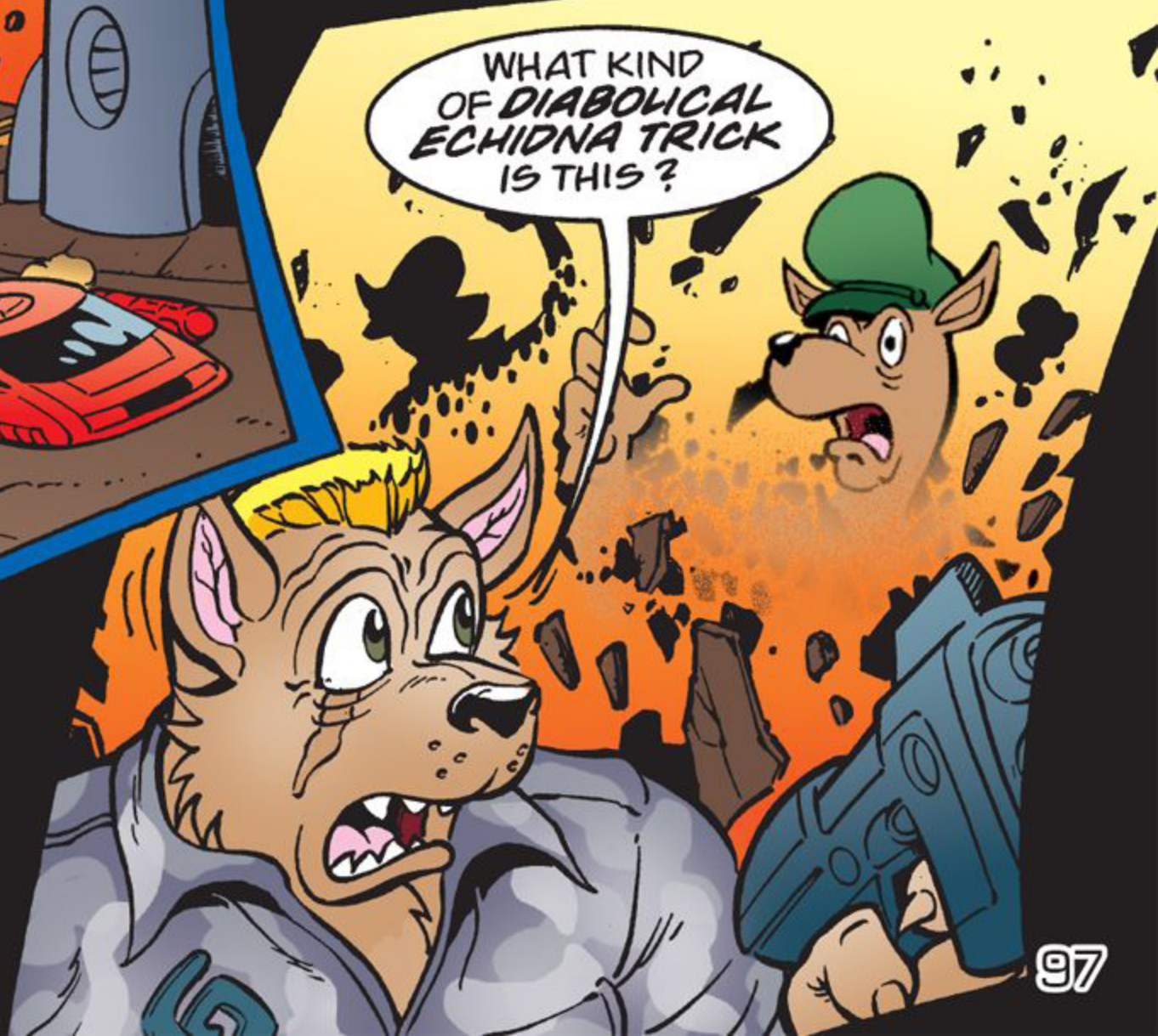
--IT'S TIME TO CARRY OUT THE *NEXT* PHASE OF OUR PLAN!



"ACTIVATE THE QUANTUM BEAM!"



GET OUT OF THE WAY!



WHAT KIND OF DIABOLICAL ECHIDNA TRICK IS THIS?



STAND FIRM--



HEY!!

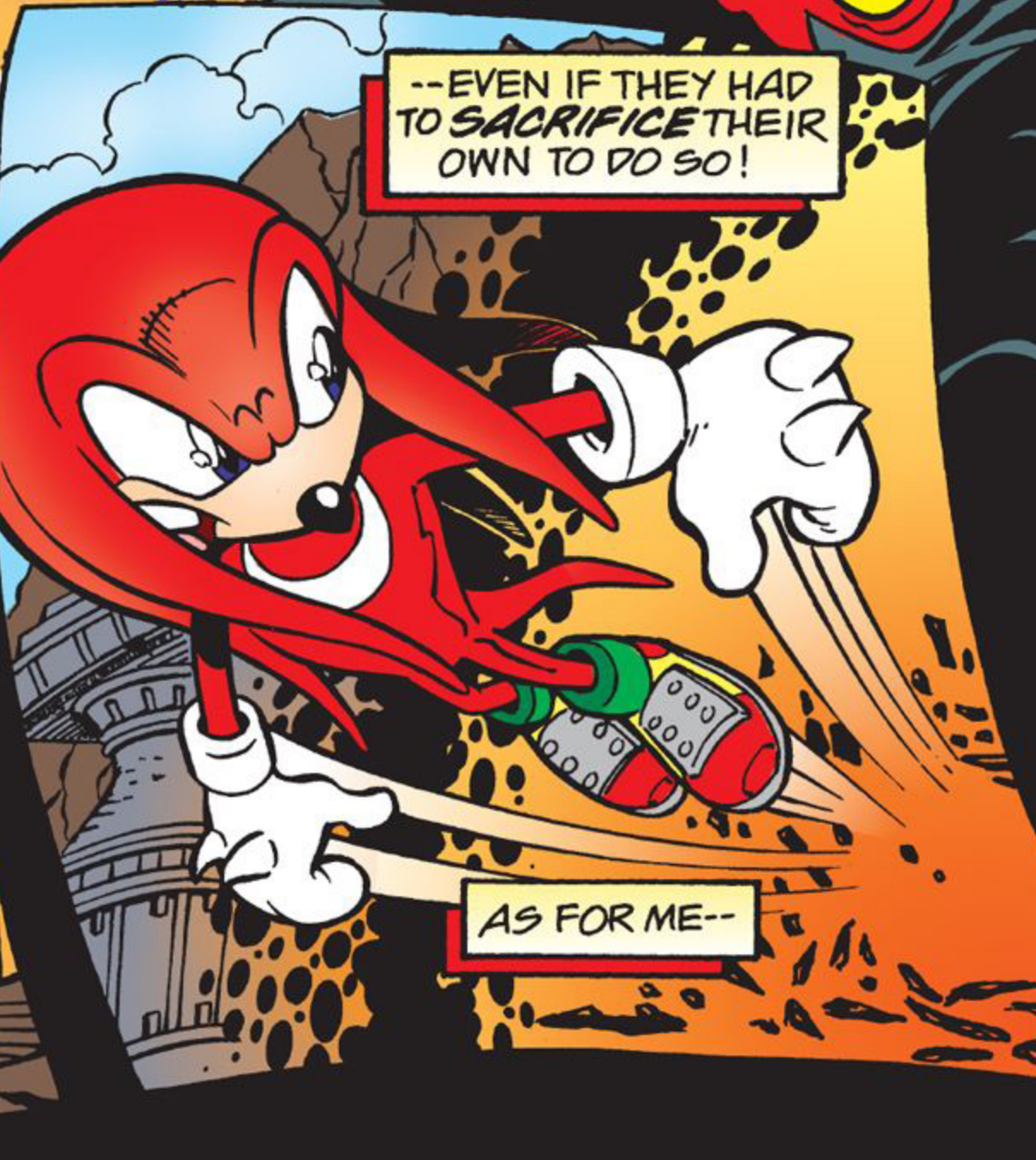


WHAT THE...?

THEY PULLED A FAST ONE!

I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN THE DARK LEGION WOULD DO WHATEVER IT TAKES--

--EVEN IF THEY HAD TO SACRIFICE THEIR OWN TO DO SO!



AS FOR ME--



--I SIMPLY OPERATED ON *GUT* INSTINCT!

A PITY ABOUT KNUCKLES--

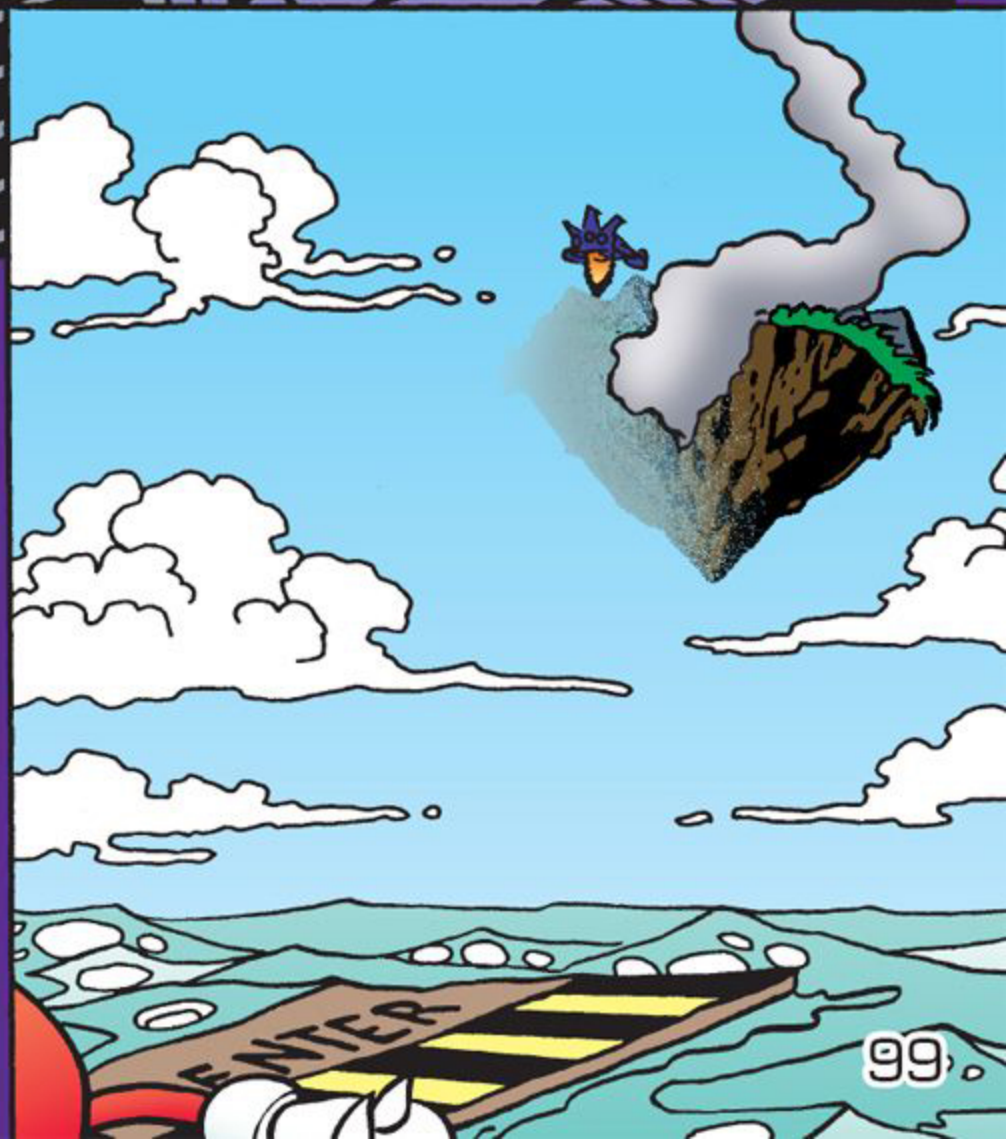
--BUT WITH THE GUARDIANS POISED TO INTERFERE WITH MY SCHEME, WHAT OTHER CHOICE DID I HAVE?

AT LEAST I HAD THE COMPASSION TO SENTENCE EVERYONE INTO A ZONE AS THEY DID TO US SO LONG AGO!

NOW THE MAIN *OBSTACLE* TO ACHIEVING OUR GOAL HAS BEEN *REMOVED*--



"--WE CAN NOW *RECLAIM* WHAT IS *RIGHTFULLY* OURS!"





THE ADVENTURE CONTINUES IN
SONIC ARCHIVES VOL. 24, AS WE AND
KNUCKLES EMBARK ON...

THE ROAD TO ALBION